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After Riyon joined him as his Guardian Spirit, Prime Minister Kasuga Soichiro has been brimming with confidence, and become like a new man. Questioning that, a politician named Izumi Daiki is using an evil psychic, Kubo Kouji, to search for Kasuga's secrets. What actions will Kubo take when he realizes the connection between Riyon and Kasuga...?!

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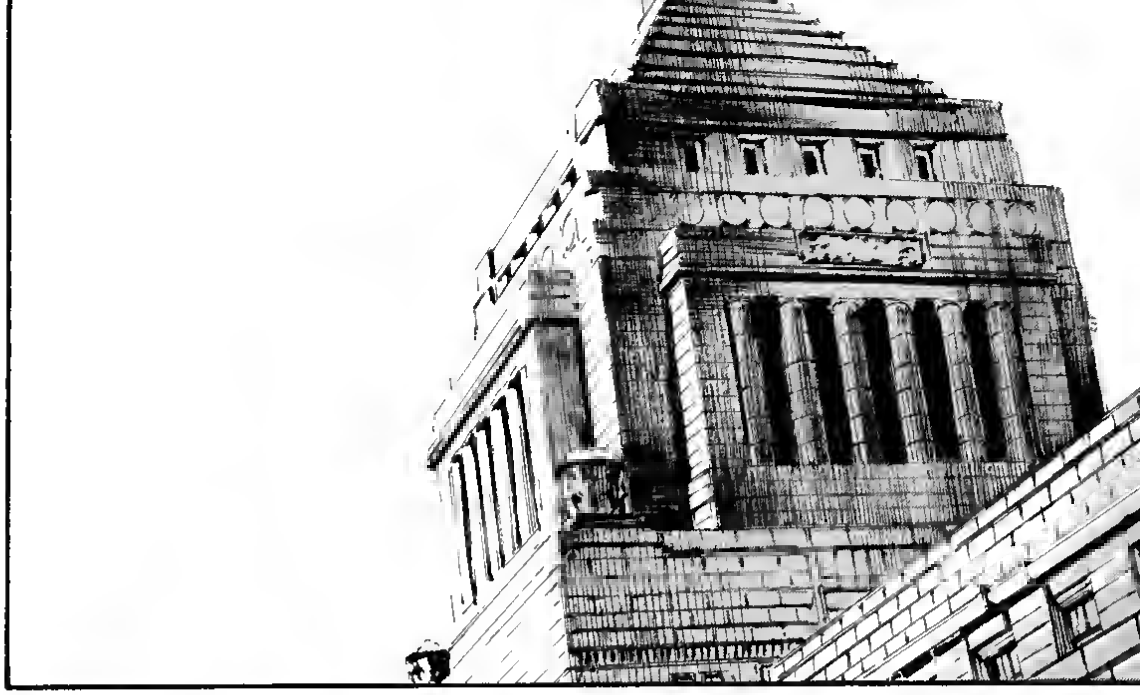
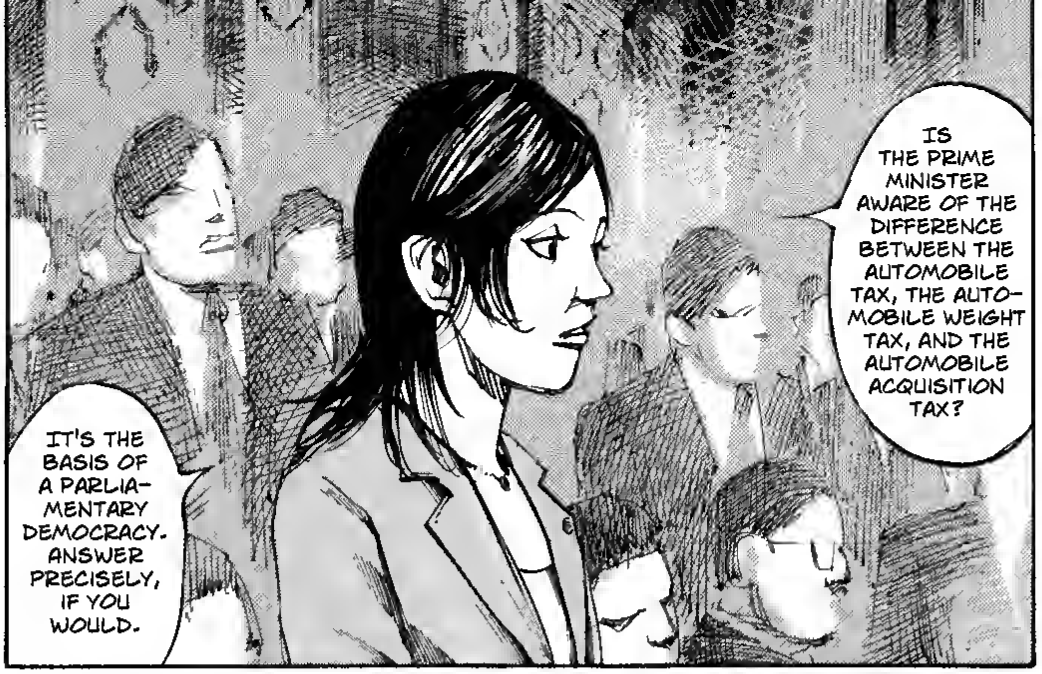



IS THE PRIME MINISTER AWARE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AUTOMOBILE TAX, THE AUTOMOBILE WEIGHT TAX, AND THE AUTOMOBILE ACQUISITION TAX?
IT'S THE BASIS OF A PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY. ANSWER PRECISELY, IF YOU WOULD.

IT'S JUST AS YOU SAY.

CABINET PRIME MINISTER KASUGA SOUICHIROU.

BUT, IF I'M BEING PERFECTLY HONEST,

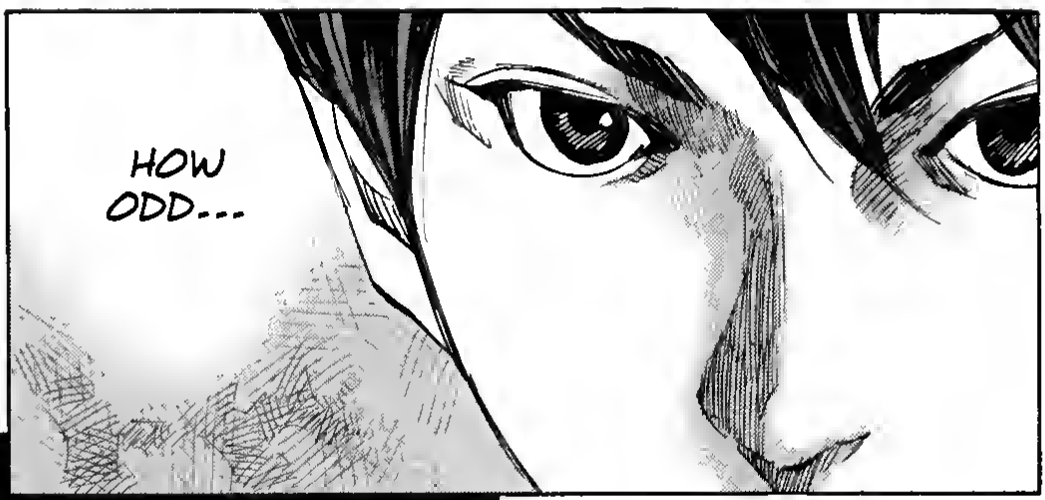
I DON'T CARE.

PRIME MINIS-TER!
DO YOU THINK AN ANSWER LIKE THAT WILL PASS?
HUH ...?

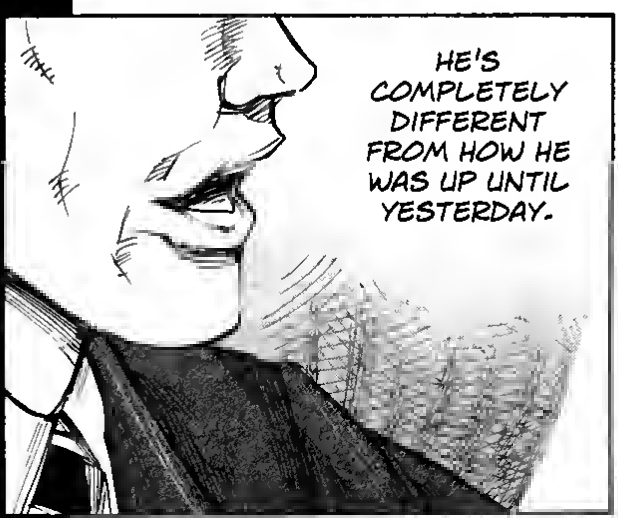
PLEASE DON'T TEASE ME LIKE THAT.
I'VE GOT A LOT OF THINGS I NEED TO DECIDE.
THAT MAN...
IT LOOKS AS THOUGH HE'S TURNED DEFIANT...

TL Note: This is a variation on the actual Japanese party, the "Liberal Democratic Party". The more conservative of Japan's two major parties. Likely, the "People's Allies Party" referred to earlier was a variation of the more liberal "Democratic Party", as its abbreviation is also only different by one kanji.

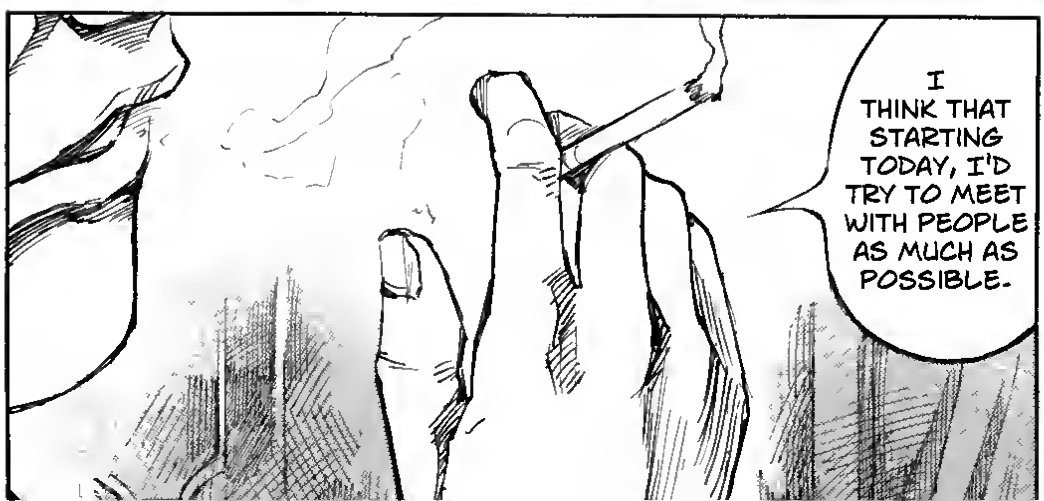
I'M ONLY ONE PERSON. SOME THINGS ARE IMPOSSIBLE.
YOU CERTAINLY CAN'T SAY THAT ONE NEEDS TO KNOW EVERYTHING IN ORDER TO BE PRIME MINISTER.

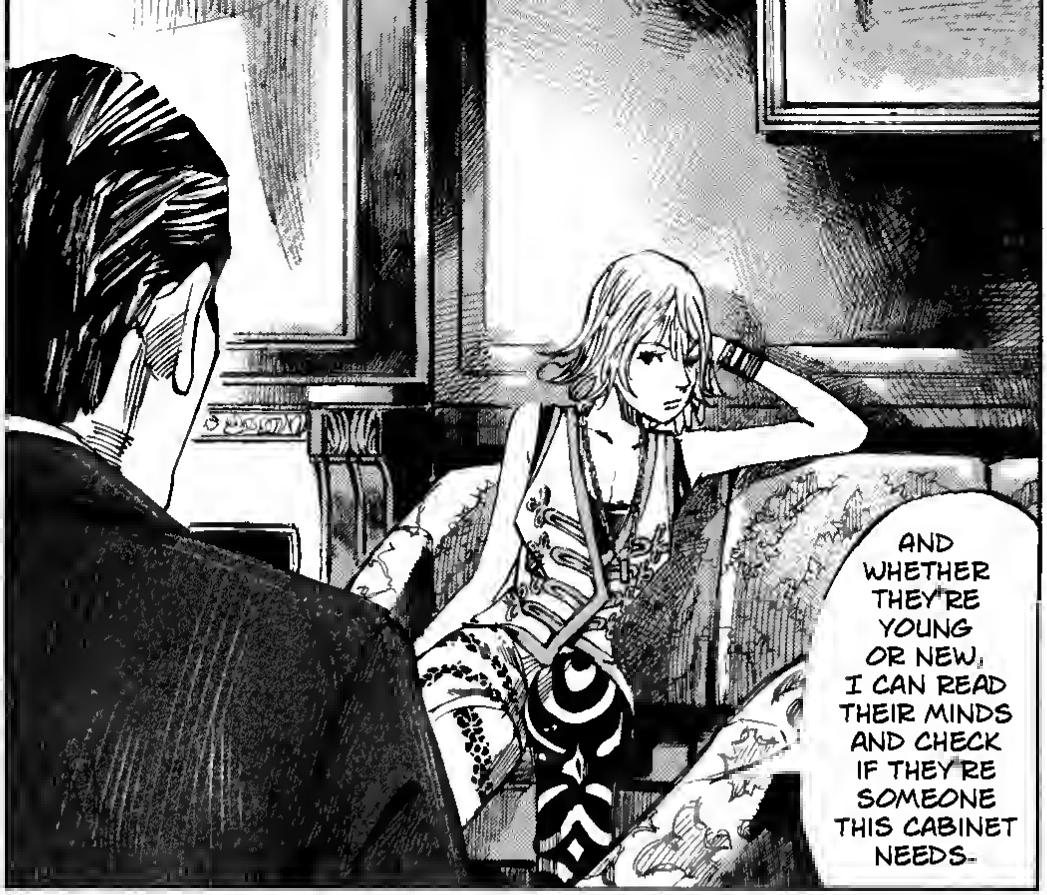


CAN HUMANS REALLY CHANGE THIS QUICKLY...?

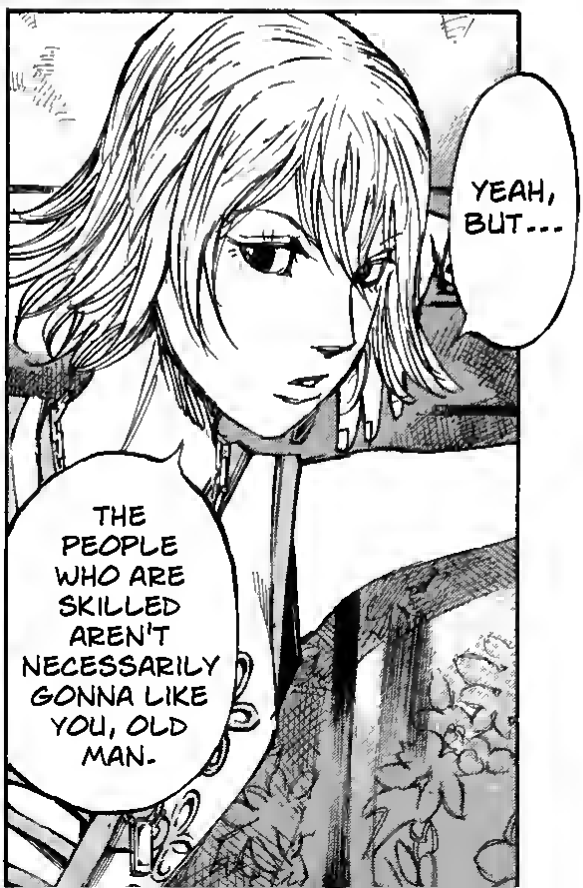


IT'S LIKE HE'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT PERSON.
WHAT HAPPENED...?


I THINK THAT STARTING TODAY, I'D TRY TO MEET WITH PEOPLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

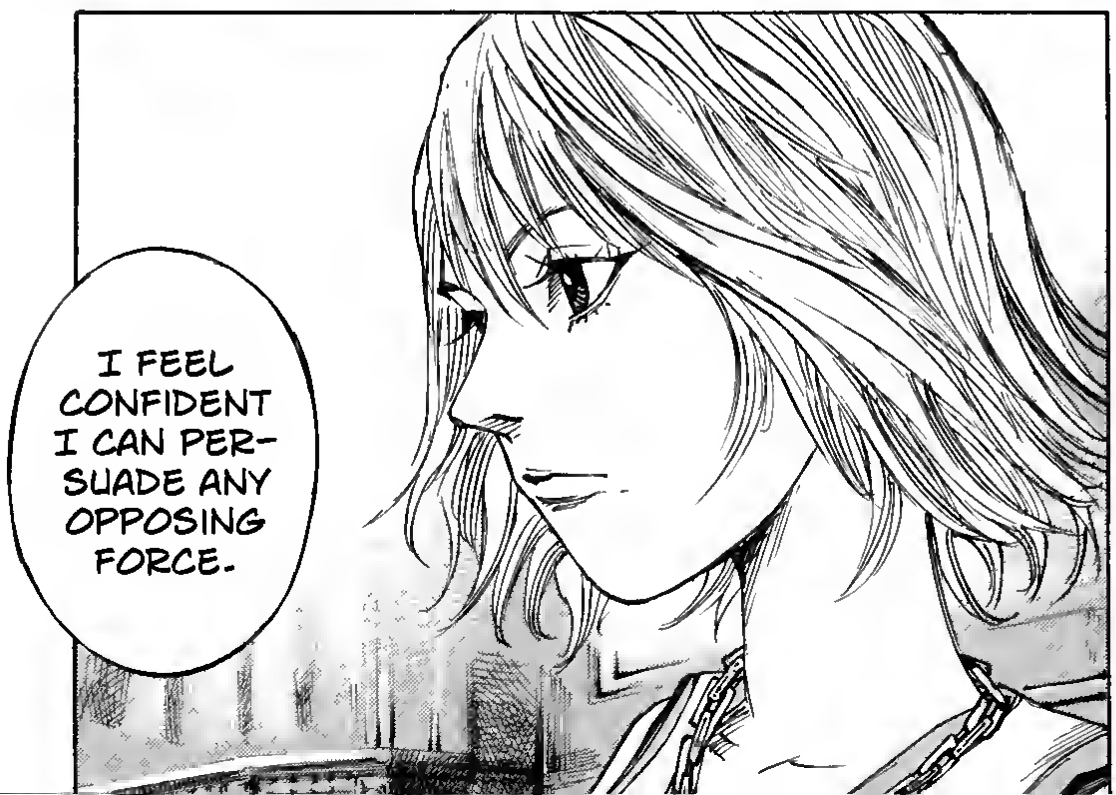

AND WHETHER THEY'RE YOUNG OR NEW, I CAN READ THEIR MINDS AND CHECK IF THEY'RE SOMEONE THIS CABINET NEEDS.

YES, I KNOW THAT, TOO.

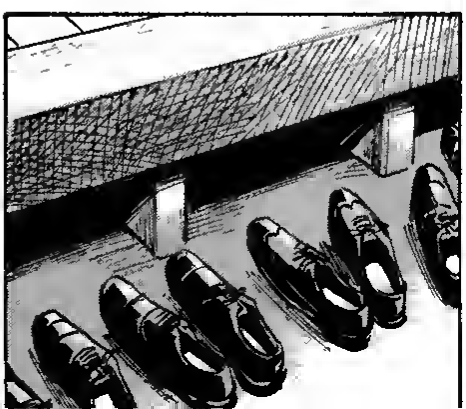

YEAH, BUT...
THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SKILLED AREN'T NECESSARILY GONNA LIKE YOU, OLD MAN.

THEM LIKING ME OR NOT
DOESN'T MATTER AT ALL.

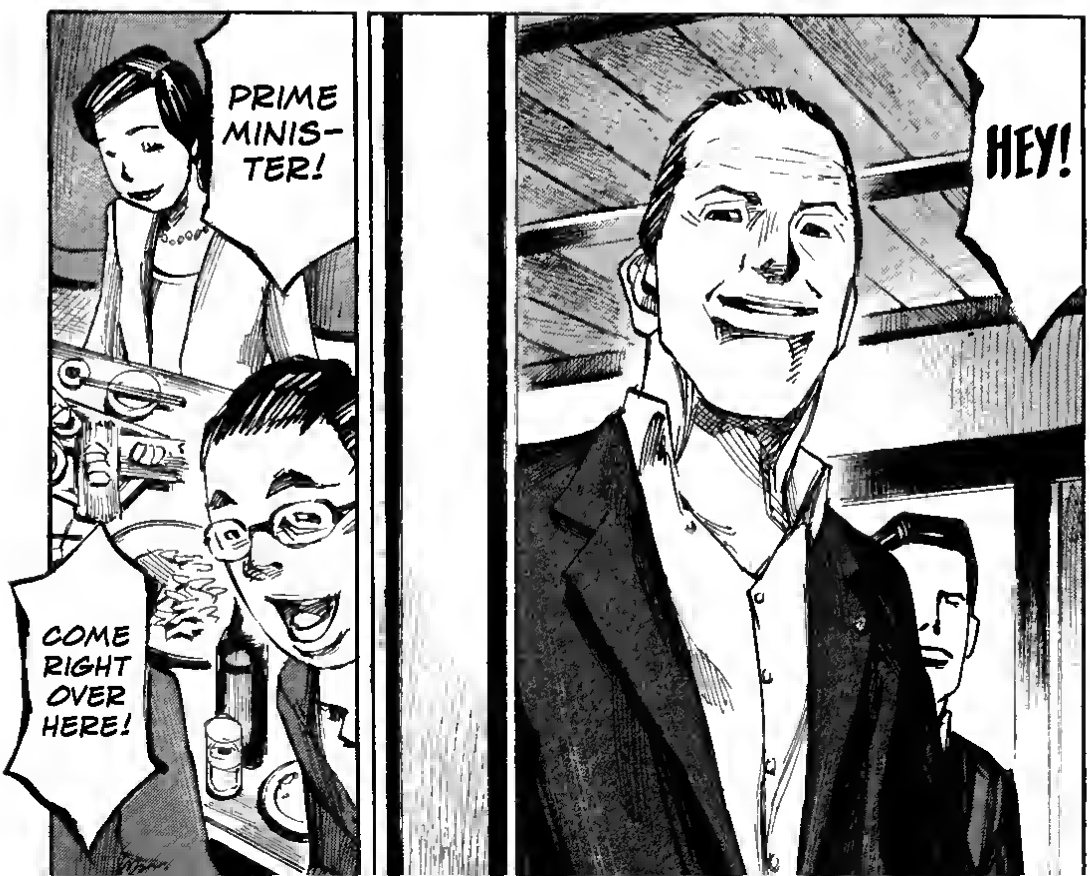
I'M BRIM-MING WITH STRENGTH RIGHT NOW.
ALL THAT MATTERS IS WHETHER THEY CAN DO A GOOD JOB FOR THIS COUNTRY OR NOT.


I FEEL CONFIDENT I CAN PER-SUADE ANY OPPOSING FORCE.

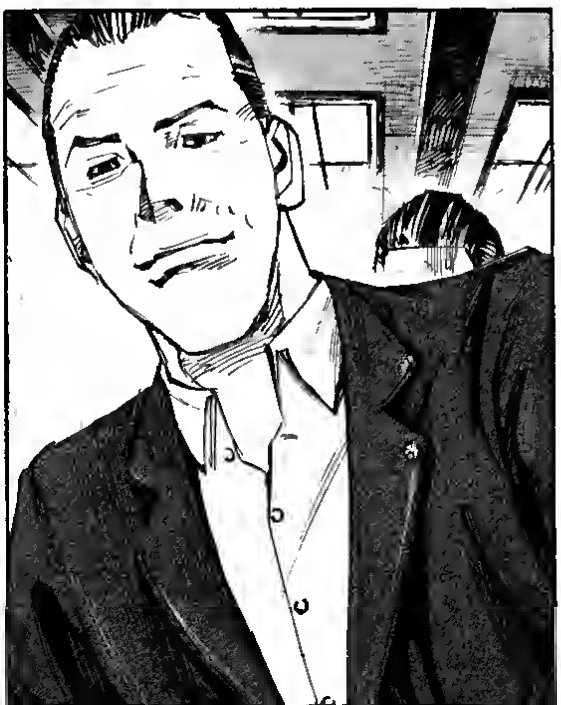
PRIME MINISTER KASUGA IS NOW ENTERING THE BAR FOR THE GET-TOGETHER OF YOUNG DIET MEMBERS.

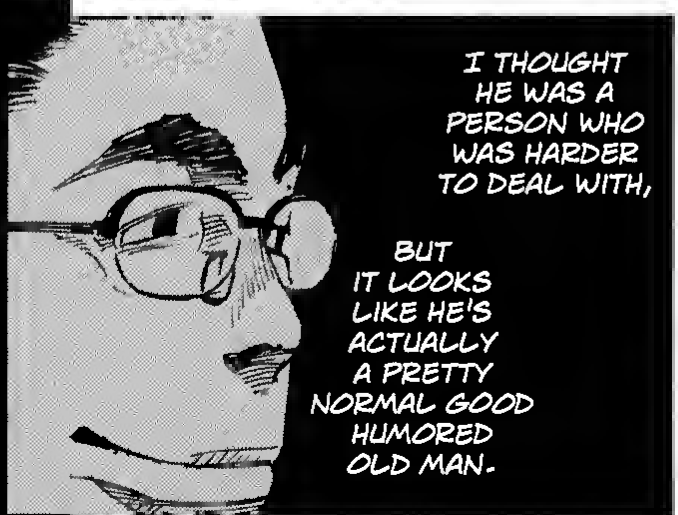


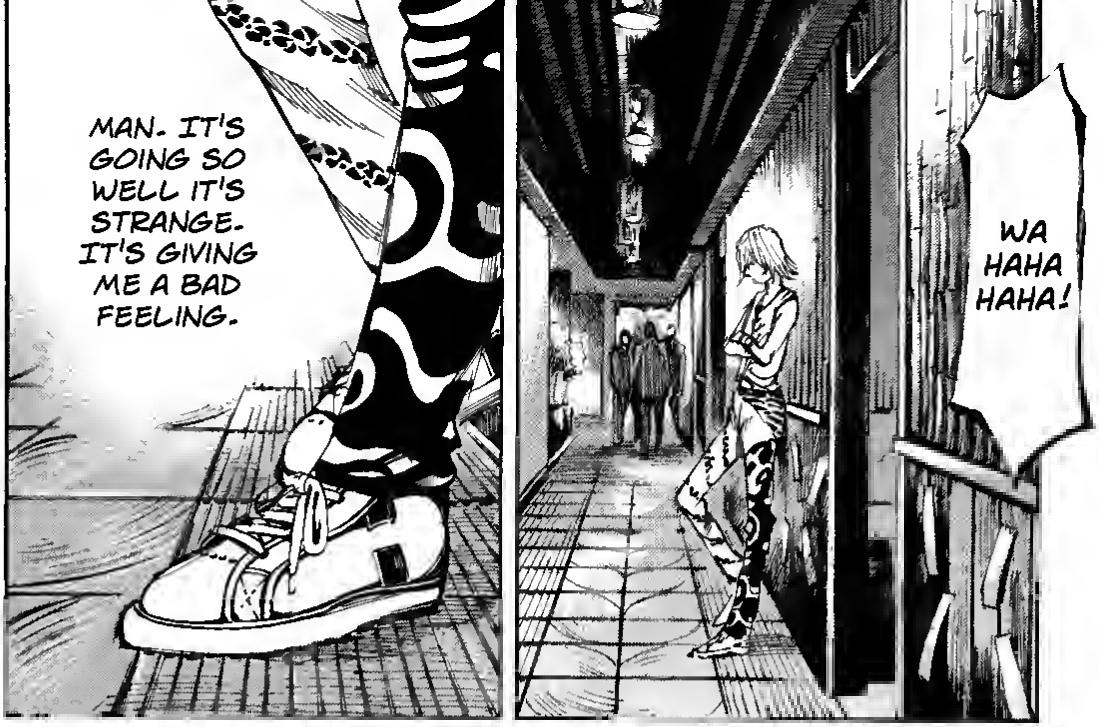
EVERYONE, THE PRIME MINISTER HAS ARRIVED!


PRIME MINISTER!
COME RIGHT OVER HERE!
HEY!

WA HAHA HAHA!




I THOUGHT HE WAS A PERSON WHO WAS HARDER TO DEAL WITH,
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S ACTUALLY A PRETTY NORMAL GOOD HUMORED OLD MAN.
WITH HIM THIS WAY, IT FEELS LIKE SOMEONE EASY TO TALK TO, OR EVEN RELY ON...


MAN. IT'S GOING SO WELL IT'S STRANGE. IT'S GIVING ME A BAD FEELING.
WA HAHA HAHA!

CAN WE KEEP THIS UP...?

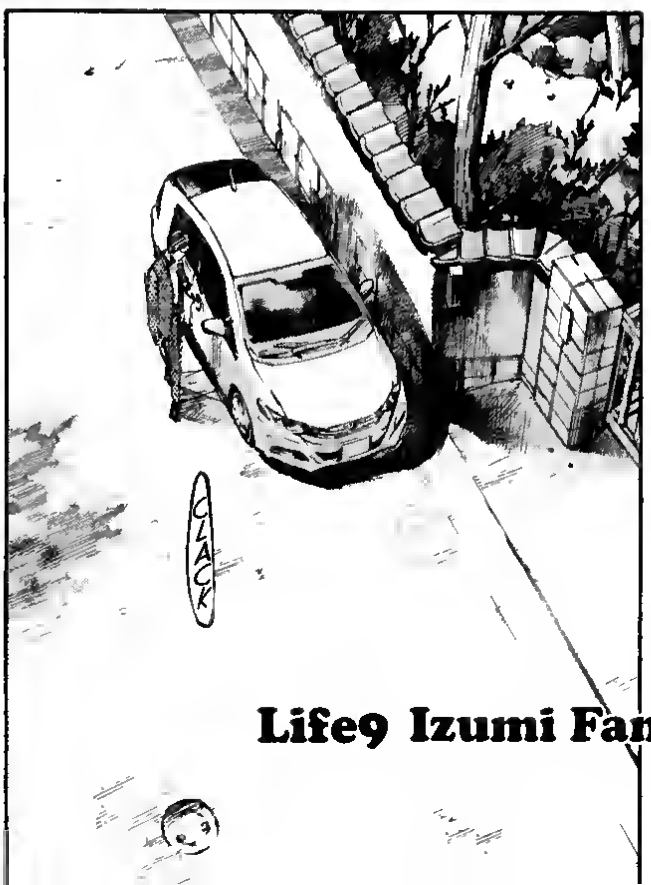
HAH
HAH

HAH
HAH

TAU

GOOD MORN-ING.
MORN-ING.
WELL, I LOOKED INTO THE MATTER REGARDING KASUGA...
DID YOU FIND ANY-THING?
YES.
THAT MAN...
HAS COMPLETELY LOST HIS MIND.

Sign: Izumi



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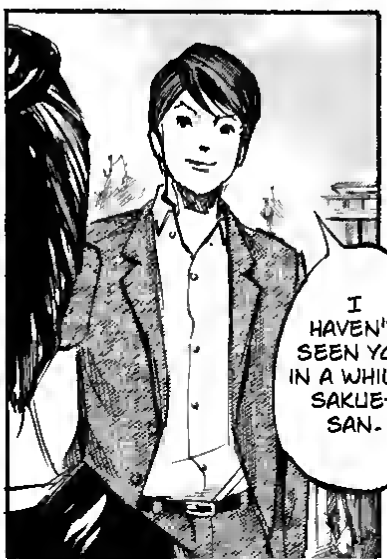
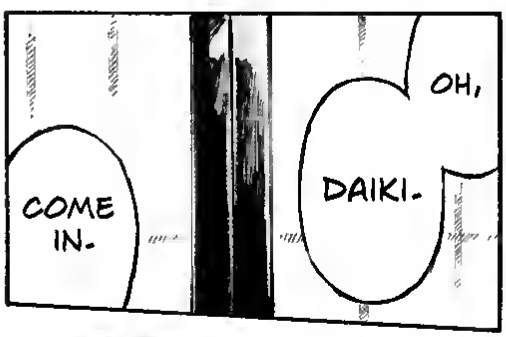
HE'S EXPECTING YOU.

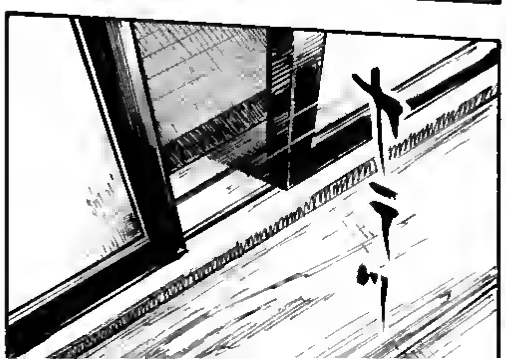
WEL-COME BACK.

IS DAD HERE ...?

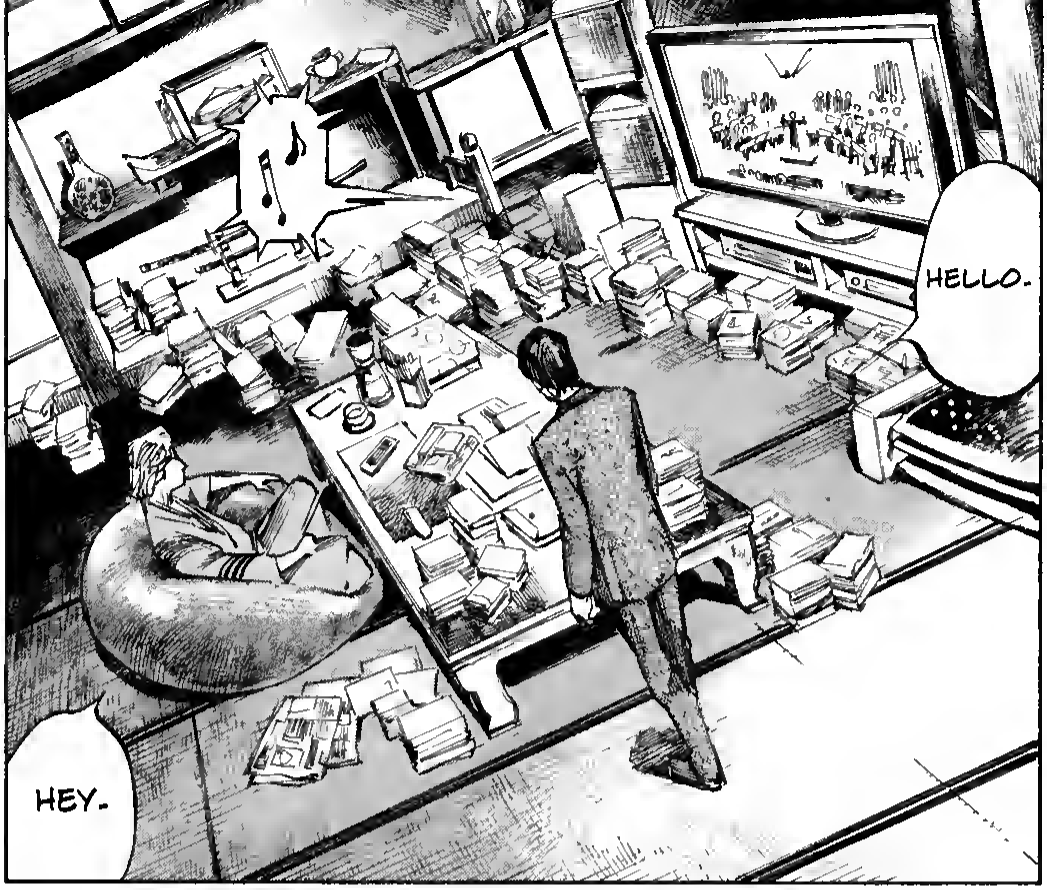

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE, SAKUE-SAN.

DAD?
CAN I COME IN?

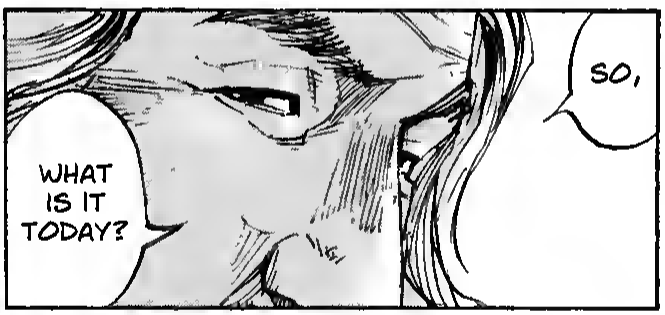

OH, DAIKI.
COME IN.

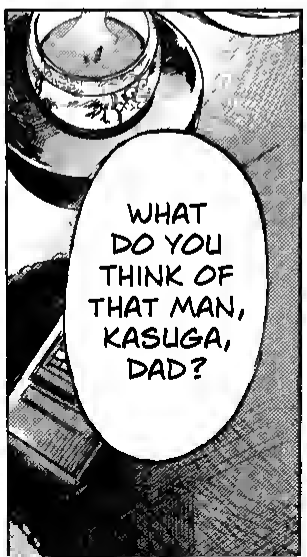


87th, 88th, and 89th
Cabinet Prime Minister
Izumi Jyun


HELLO.
HEY.

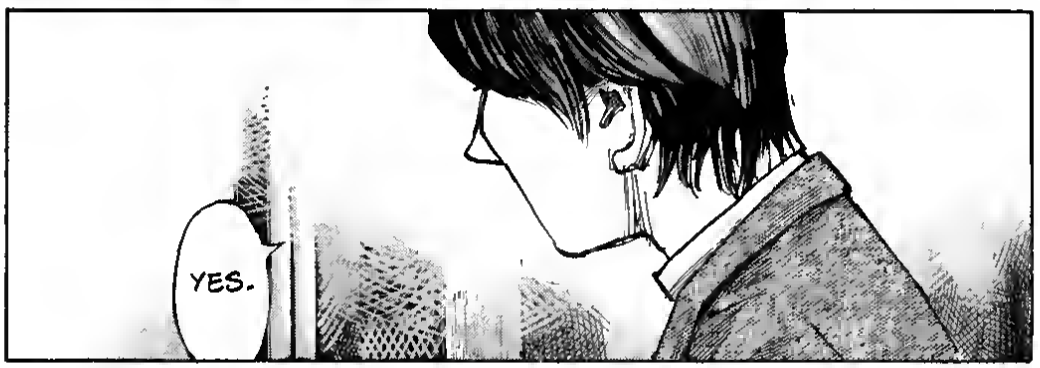
HM---
KASUGA, EH---?


SO,
WHAT IS IT TODAY?


WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT MAN, KASUGA, DAD?

WELL,

WHEN HE WAS IN THE DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY, I REMEMBER HIM GOING OUT TO DRINK QUITE OFTEN.
BUT AFTER RISING AS A LAWYER, HE WOULD BE SERIOUS WITH EACH SENTENCE.
HE WASN'T A PARTICU-LARLY INTEREST-ING MAN.


YES.

I'VE GENERALLY SEEN HIM NOT TO BE THE TYPE TO COME TO THE OPEN AND PUSH HARD FOR SOMETHING.
HE'S THE TYPE THAT WORKS FROM BEHIND THE SCENES.
BUT,
HE HAS THE GOOD LUCK THAT YOU NEED TO RISE TO THE TOP.

PRIME MINISTER ISN'T A POSITION YOU CAN GET JUST BY BEING COMPETENT.
SO YOU...
NOTICED THAT HE'S CHANGED?
YES.
HE HAS CHANGED, SUD-DENLY.
IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE THE KIND OF DEFIANCE YOU'D GET FROM BEING ON THE VERGE OF DEATH.

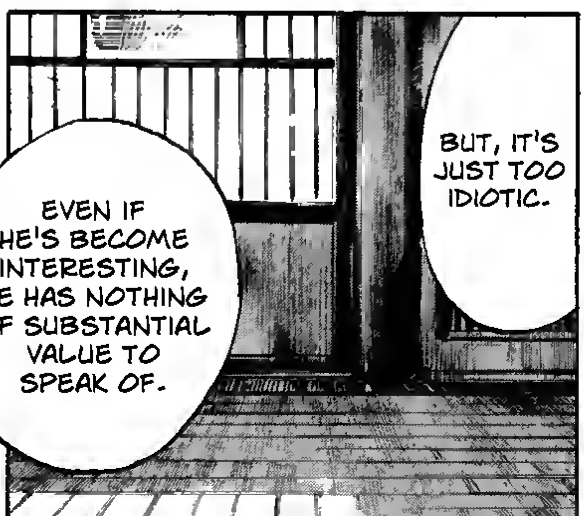
IT WAS MORE LIKE
HE HAD A SPIRITUAL EPIPHANY...

I LOOKED INTO IT A BIT.
EVERY NIGHT HE'S BEEN GOING OUT TO GET-TOGETHERS WITH YOUNG DIET MEMBERS. HE'S BEHAVING LIKE THE FOUNDER OF A NEW RELIGION.

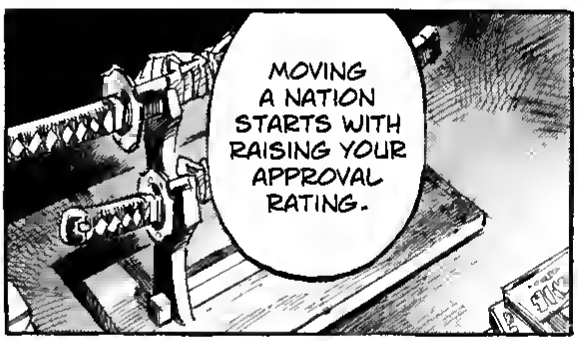
ALSO,
APPARENTLY HE DOES THINGS LIKE SHAKE PEOPLE'S HANDS AND HE CORRECTLY GUESSES THINGS ABOUT THE PERSON'S PAST AND WAY OF THINKING.
HOH.

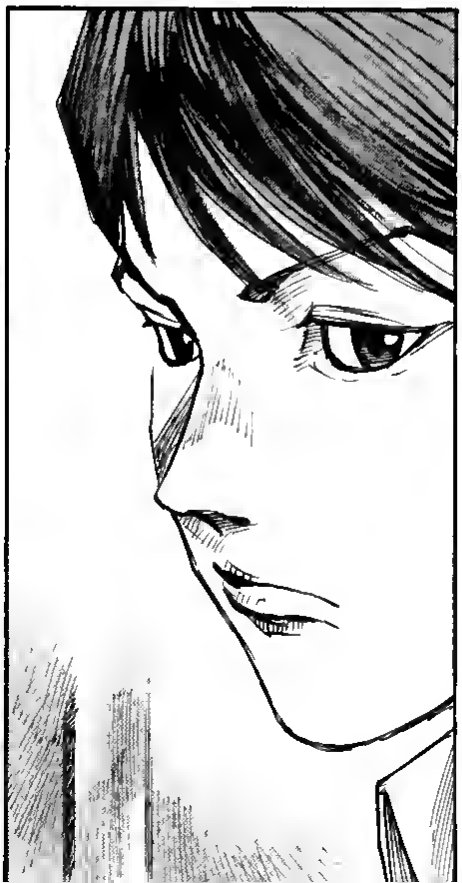
NOW, THAT'S INTER-ESTING!
TO STAND AT THE TOP OF A COUNTRY YOU NEED A MAGICIAN-LIKE ELEMENT.

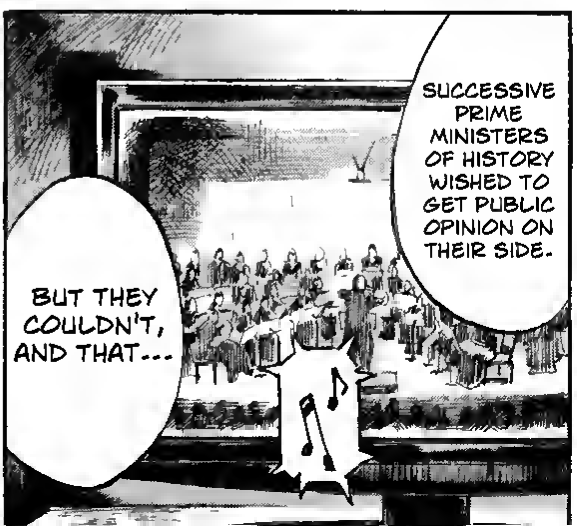
THAT KASUGA'S PRETTY GOOD.
IF HE HANDLES THIS WELL, HE MAY COME CLOSE TO MY TIME IN OFFICE.


BUT, IT'S JUST TOO IDIOTIC.
EVEN IF HE'S BECOME INTERESTING, HE HAS NOTHING OF SUBSTANTIAL VALUE TO SPEAK OF.

HE'S FINE
LIKE THAT.


MOVING A NATION STARTS WITH RAISING YOUR APPROVAL RATING.

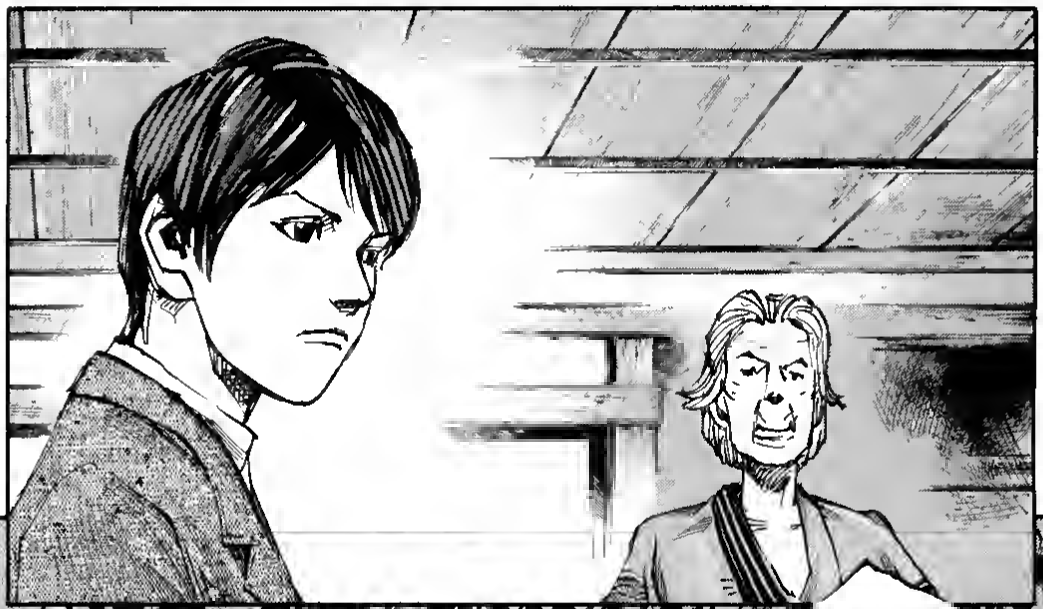


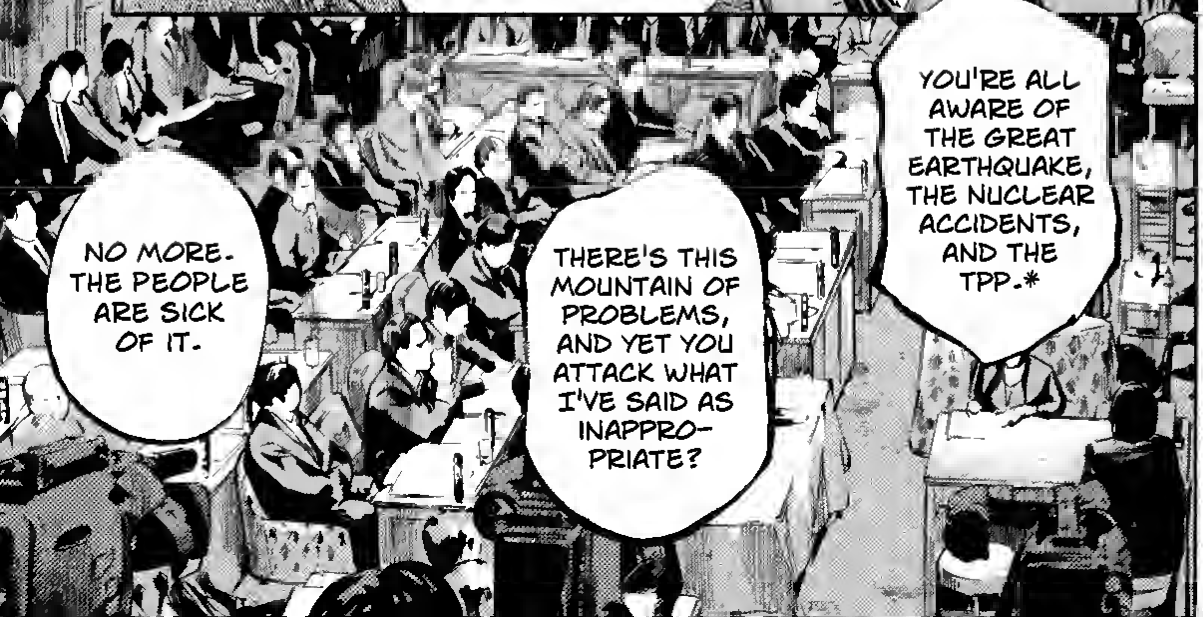

SUCCESSIVE PRIME MINISTERS OF HISTORY WISHED TO GET PUBLIC OPINION ON THEIR SIDE.
BUT THEY COULDN'T, AND THAT...

FUNDA-
MENTALLY,
UNPOPULAR
GOVERNMENT
IDIOTS HAVE
NO CLUE HOW
TO GRASP THE
HEARTS OF
PEOPLE.
UNDER-
STAND?
I'M NOT
FOOLING
AROUND
HERE.

I'M SAYING THAT CONCENTRATING THIS COUNTRY'S CAPITAL FUNCTIONS SOLELY IN TOKYO IS TANTAMOUNT TO SUICIDE.

PLEASE, THINK ABOUT IT. AN EARTHQUAKE THAT WILL DIRECTLY HIT THE CAPITAL CITY AREA IS SURE TO COME.
IT'S A VIRTUAL CERTAINTY. SO WE CAN'T JUST SPACE OUT AND WAIT FOR IT TO OCCUR.

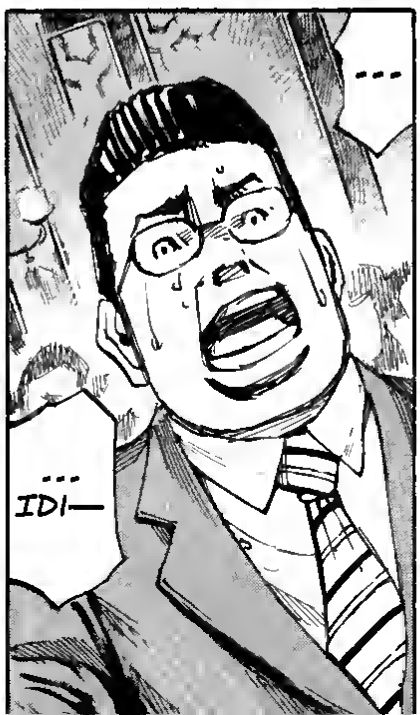



YOU'RE ALL AWARE OF THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE, THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS, AND THE TPP.*
THERE'S THIS MOUNTAIN OF PROBLEMS, AND YET YOU ATTACK WHAT I'VE SAID AS INAPPRO-PRIATE?
NO MORE. THE PEOPLE ARE SICK OF IT.

*http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trans-Pacific_Strategic_Economic_Partnership

OF IDIOT DIET MEMBERS LIKE YOU...

THAT IS ALL!

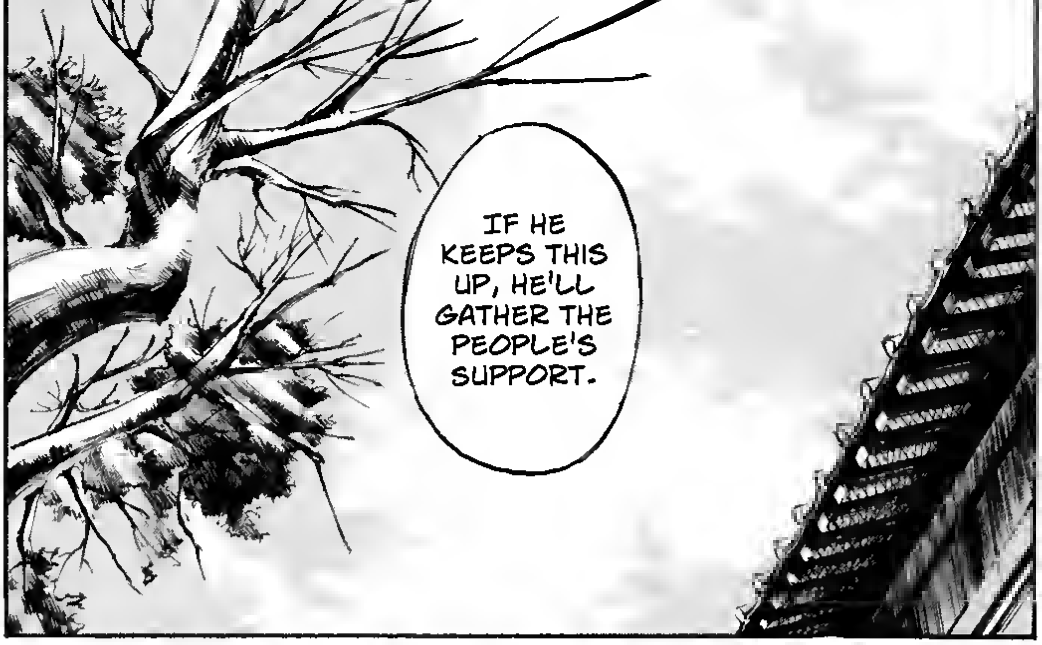

...
...
IDI—

RETRACT THAT STATE-MENT!
CHATTER CHATTER
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "IDIOT"!?

YOU WANT TO USE WHATEVER YOU CAN.
PRIME MINISTER IS A HORRIBLY LONELY JOB.

KASUGA GOT HIS HANDS ON SOME-THING.
AND WHAT WAS BORN FROM THAT

IS OVER-WHELMING CONFIDENCE.


IF HE KEEPS THIS UP, HE'LL GATHER THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT.

HE'S GONNA GET STROOONG.

IT'S OKAY,
DAD.

BECAUSE I HAVE CONFIDENCE.

A Rapid-Fire of Idiot Diet Members Remarks!!

Cabinet approval ratings unexpectedly rise

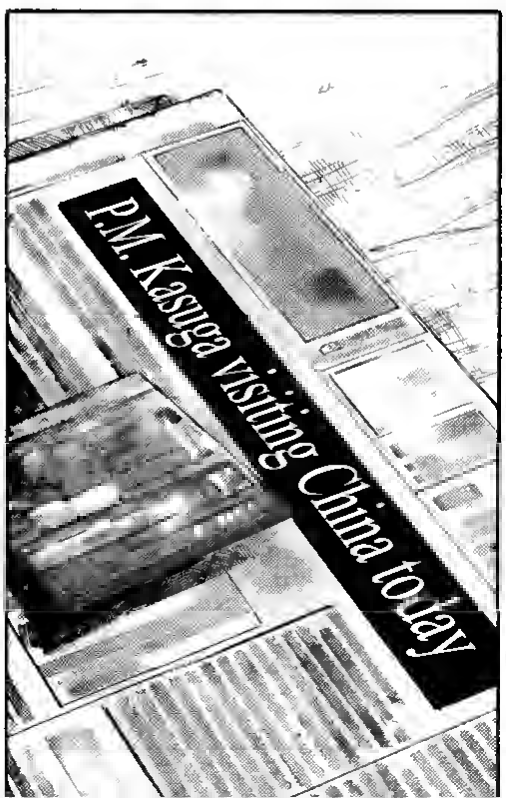
Concentrating the Capital functions is suicide

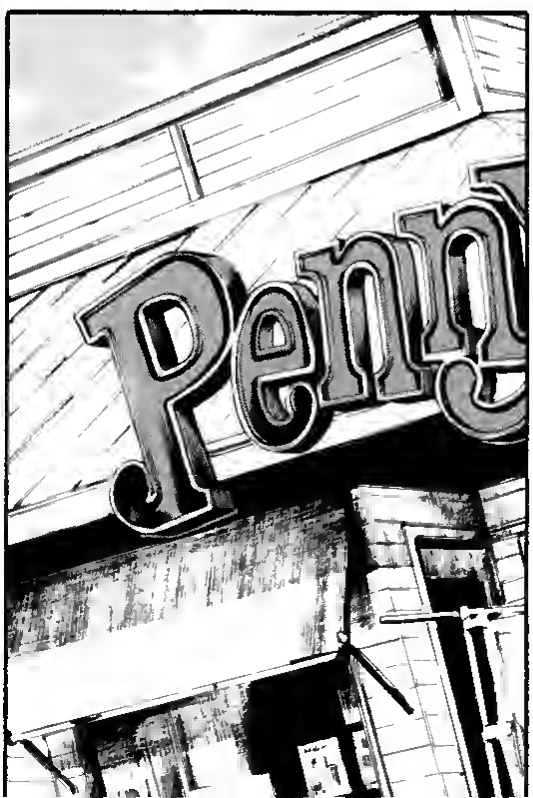
Officially, an earthquake will come

Prime Minister Kasuga - Beyond Improper Rash Remarks

Life10 Kubo Kouji

Penny's
Penny's
Tokyo,
S Ward


P.M. Kasuga visiting China today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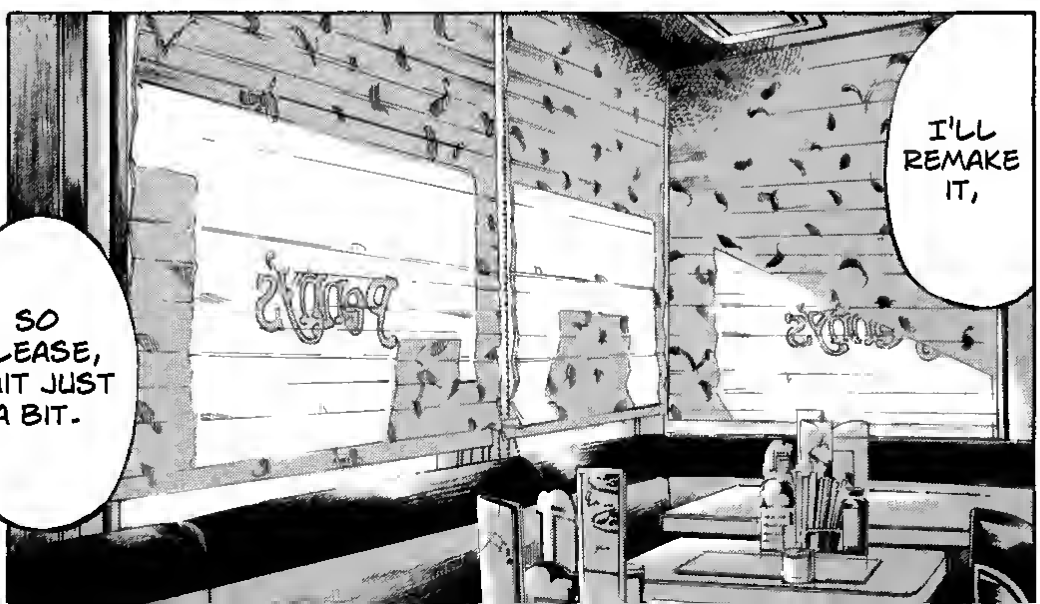
I'M TELLIN' YOU... I SAID I WANTED IT SUNNY SIDE UP.

GEEZ,
MAKING MISTAKES FIRST THING IN THE MORN-ING...?


I'LL REMAKE IT,
SO PLEASE, WAIT JUST A BIT.

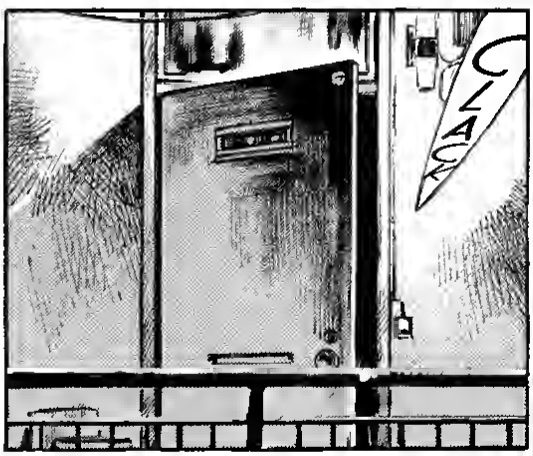
OH, HONESTLY ...
JUST HURRY IT UP, I'M IN A HURRY.
Kubo Kouji

NO...
NOTHING.

SHU
SHU

UH,
WHAT? HAVE SOME-THING TO SAY?

HONK
HONK
HONK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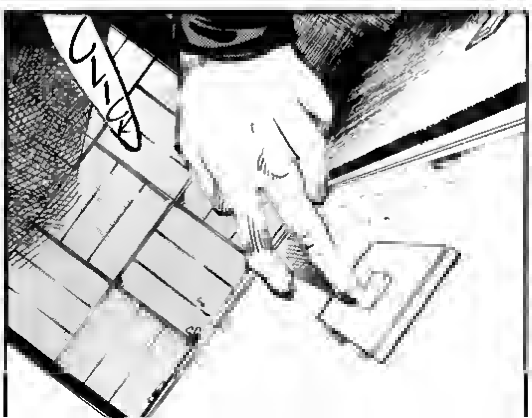
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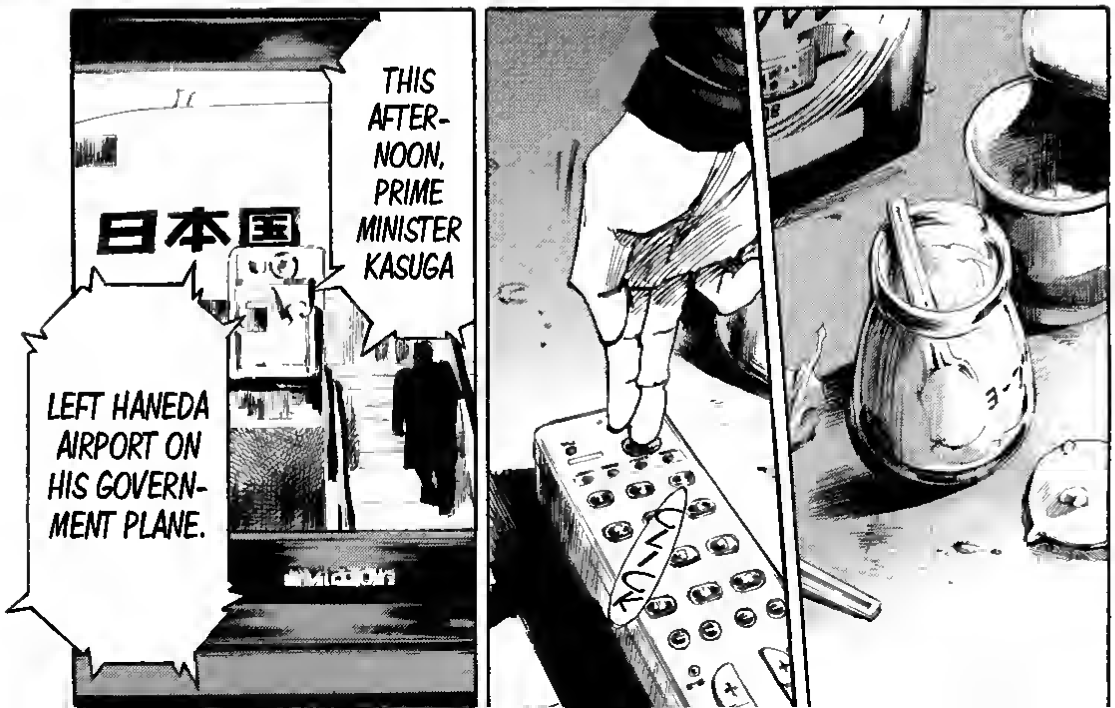

日本国
THIS AFTER-NOON, PRIME MINISTER KASUGA
LEFT HANEDA AIRPORT ON HIS GOVERN-MENT PLANE.
CLICK

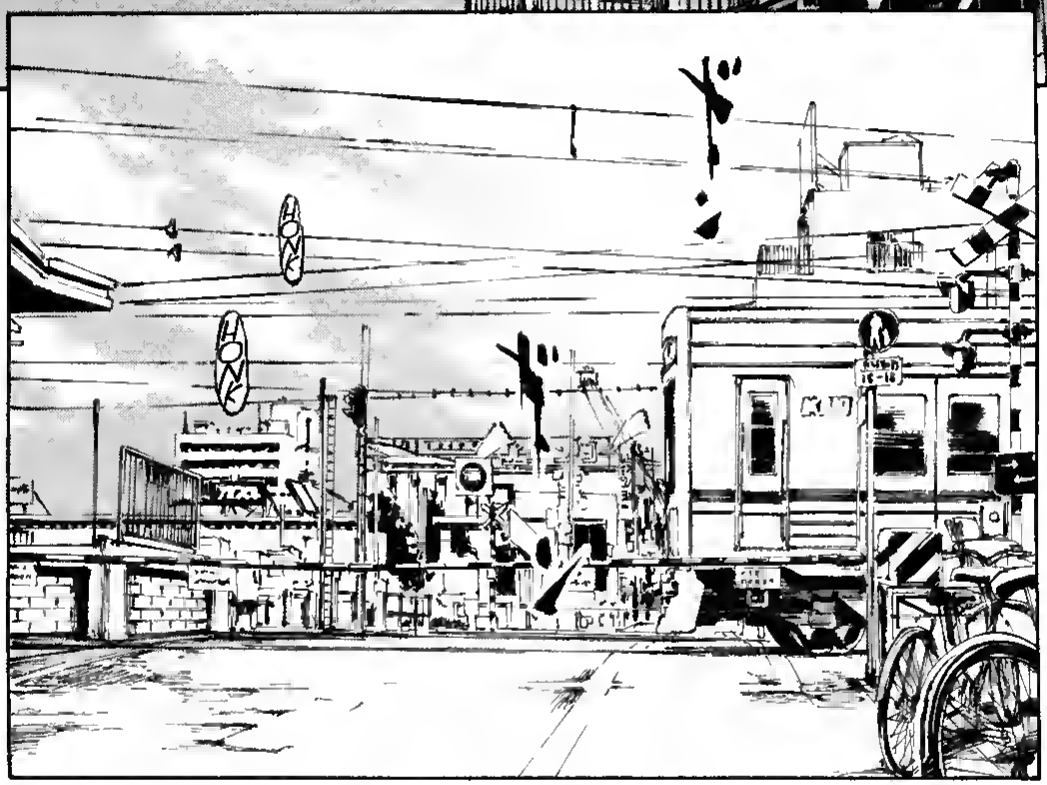
THIS VISIT TO CHINA MARKS THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORMALIZATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN.
AND THE MINISTER IS GOING WITH THE GOAL OF BUILDING HIS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL TRUST WITH THE LEADERS OF CHINA.
TOURING THE PEACE IN EAST ASIA...

WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY? WHO'S HE COMMUNICATING WITH---?

EDA AIRPORT

A GUARDIAN SPIRIT!

KAHAH!
IT'S A CHICK!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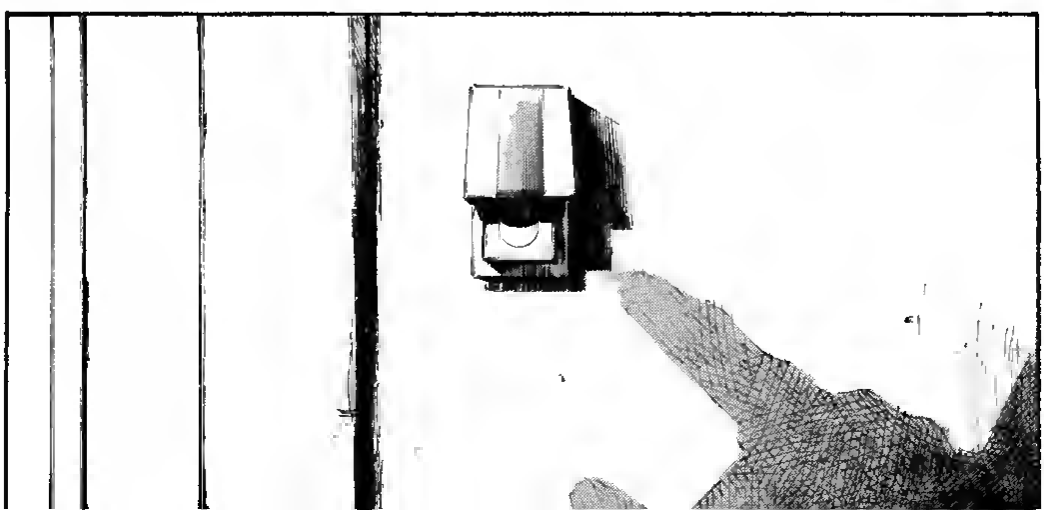

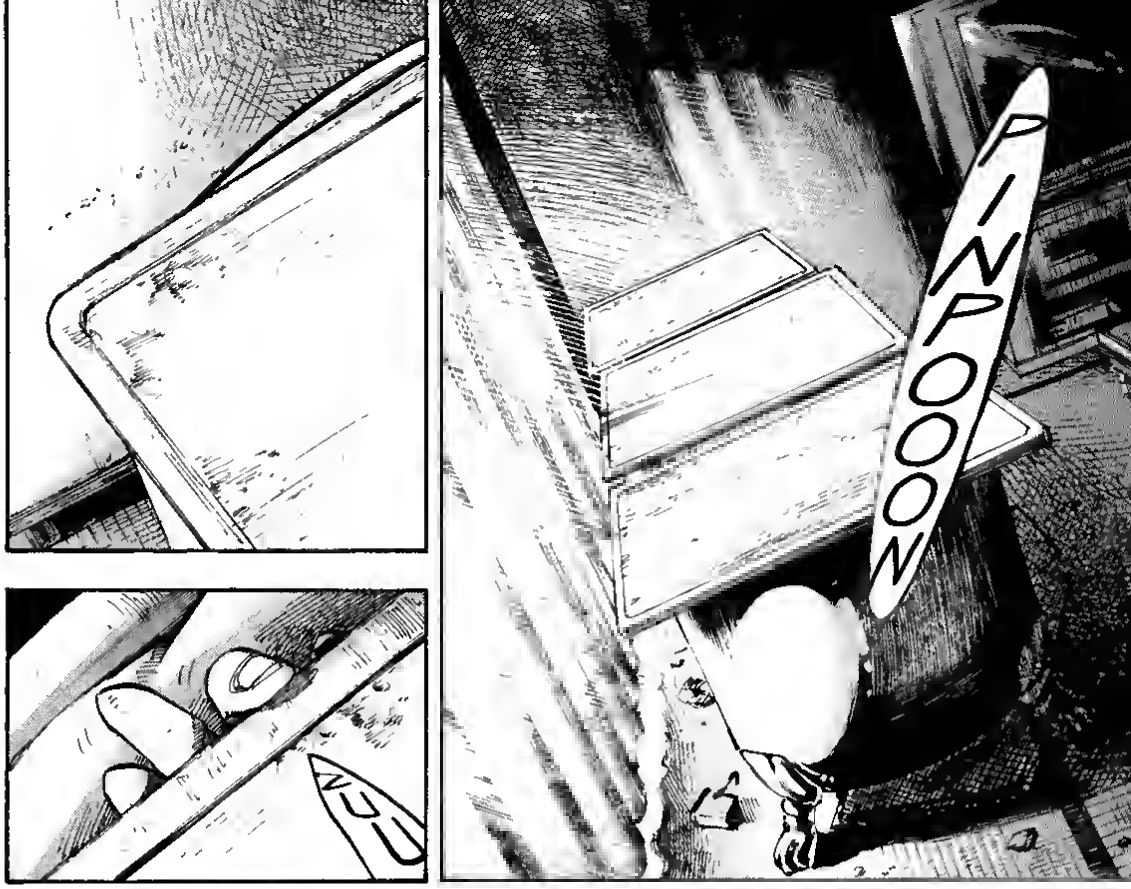
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CREAK

KUBO-SAN. SORRY FOR THE SUDDEN VISIT.
THIS IS WHO WE ARE.
Izumi Daiki
Secretary
Miyazato Noboru
ACTU-ALLY,
OUR EMPLOYER WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU.
DIET MEM-BER...
SECRE-TARY...
Member
House of Representatives
Izumi Daiki
Secretary
azato Noboru

I SEEEEE...

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HE UNOFFICIALLY COOPERATED WITH A POLICE HEADQUARTERS INVESTIGATION, CORRECTLY GUESSING THE KILLER OF A FAMILY IN KATSUSHIKA WARD.
IT SEEMS HE IS WHAT IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS A HIGHLY-ACCURATE PSYCHIC...

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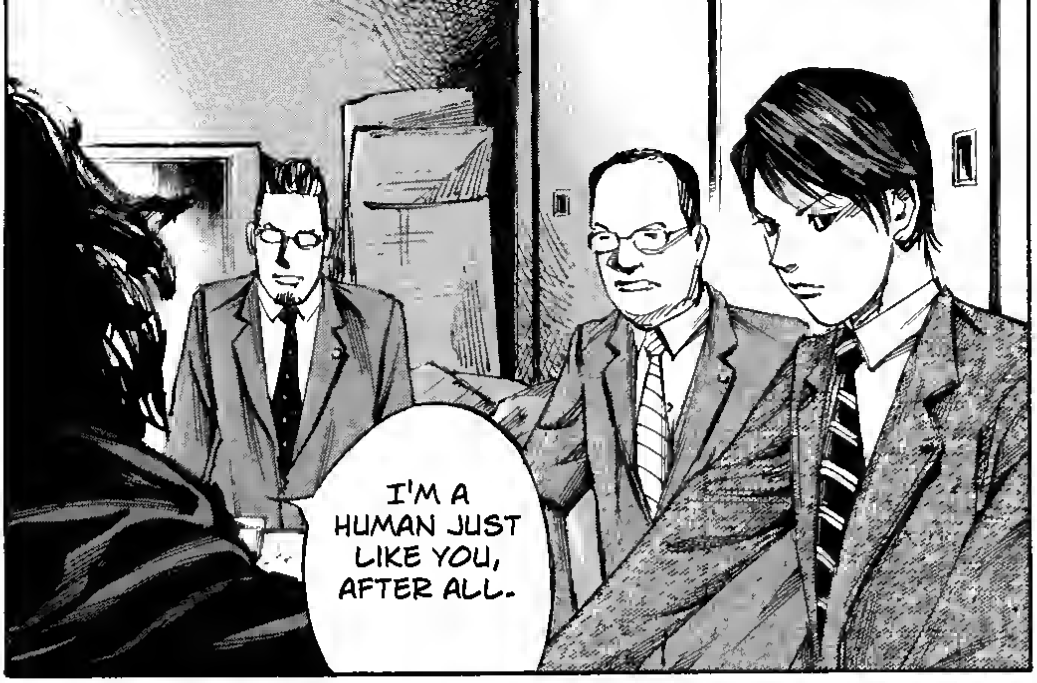
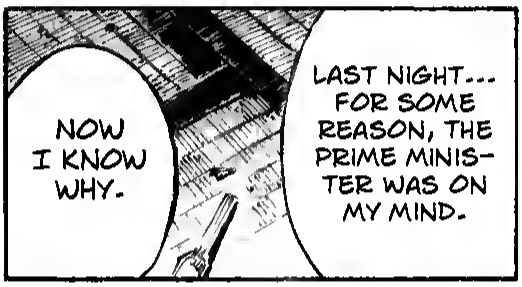
DOES THIS KID REALLY HAVE THAT KIND OF POWER...?
NO.
DON'T TROUBLE YOURSELF.
SLURP
EVERY-ONE,
IT'D BE BEST IF YOU RELAXED MORE.


I'M A HUMAN JUST LIKE YOU, AFTER ALL.

House of Representatives Member
Izumi Daiki
DAIKI...
DIET MEMBER IZUMI

SO WHAT YOU WANNA TALK ABOUT IS
THE PRIME MINISTER, RIGHT?

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

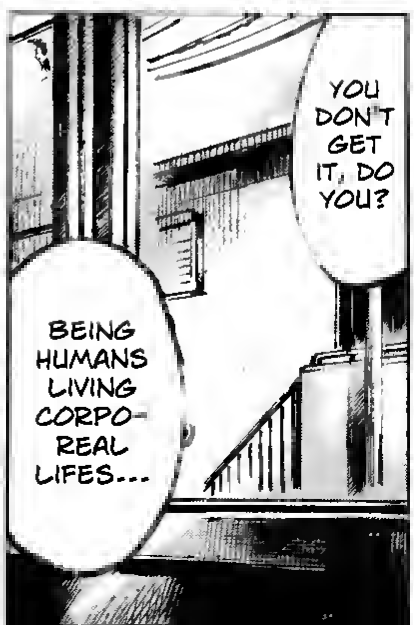

LAST NIGHT... FOR SOME REASON, THE PRIME MINISTER WAS ON MY MIND.
NOW I KNOW WHY.

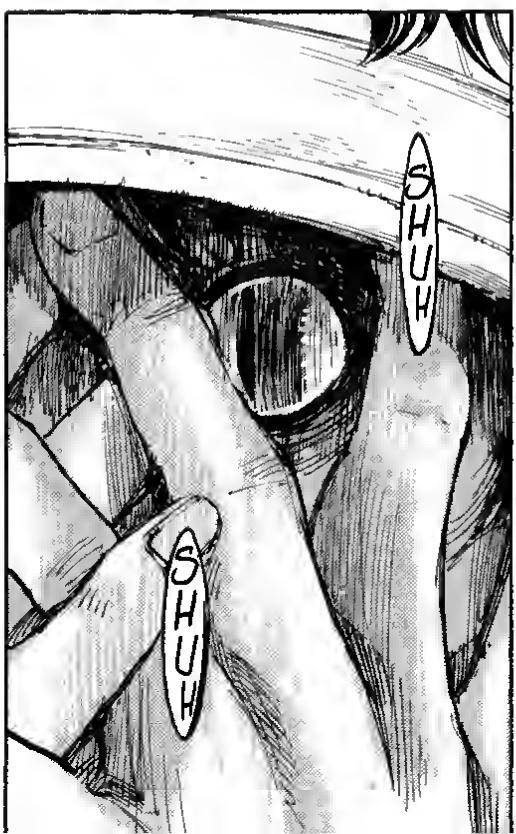
IT WAS AN OMEN THAT ALL OF YOU WOULD BE COMING.

SO THEN,
WHAT DID YOU SEE?

IT ISN'T SO MUCH ABOUT SEEING...
IT'S MORE LIKE RECEIVING IT.

I TUNE INTO THE CHANNEL
AND THE WORDS AND IMAGES
JUST
FALL TO ME-


YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
BEING HUMANS LIVING CORPO-REAL LIFES...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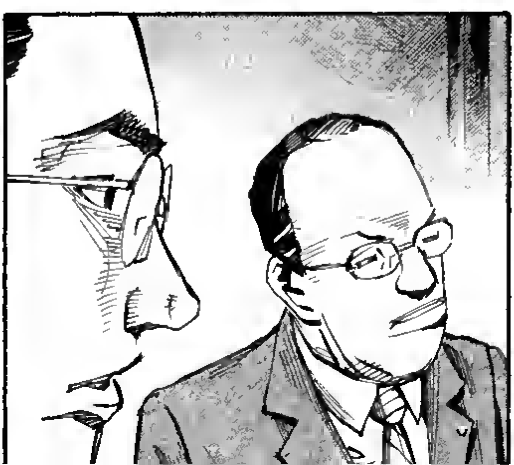
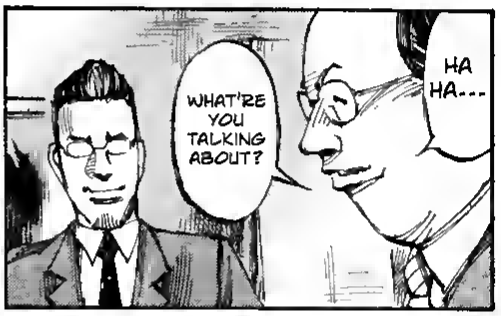


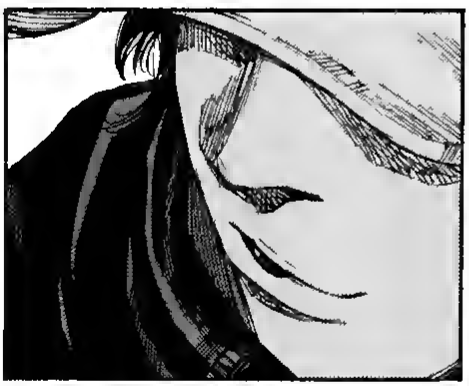
DIET MEMBER DAIKI.
YOUR DAD SEES THROUGH TO HIS SON'S WEAK POINTS.
HE DOESN'T HAVE AS MUCH EXPECTATIONS IN YOU AS YOU THINK.
YOUR DAD...
BECAUSE YOU ALL STILL DON'T BELIEVE IN ME.
BUT I WON'T SAY ANYTHING.
YOU PROBABLY WANT TO ASK SOMETHING ABOUT THAT,

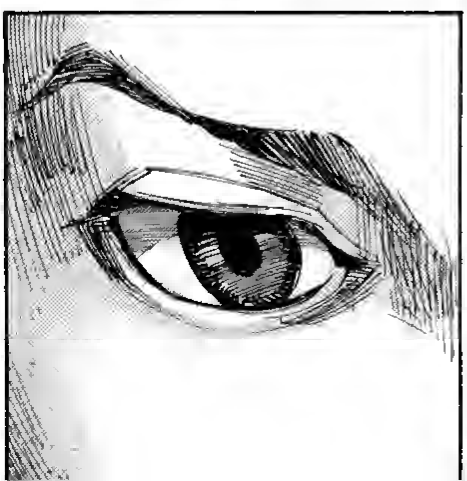
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.
I JUST CAN'T KEEP UP WITH SUCH UNREALISTIC REASONING.
WELL, I GUESS YOU WOULDN'T.
DIET MEMBER DAIKI, WHICH IS SUPERIOR BETWEEN THESE TWO?
THEN, HOW ABOUT THIS?

THE ANSWER IS IN YOUR HEART, DIET MEMBER DAIKI.

AND THE ONE YOU THINK IS INFERIOR, DIET MEMBER DAIKI,
I'LL MAKE HIM DIS-APPEAR.


WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HA HA...





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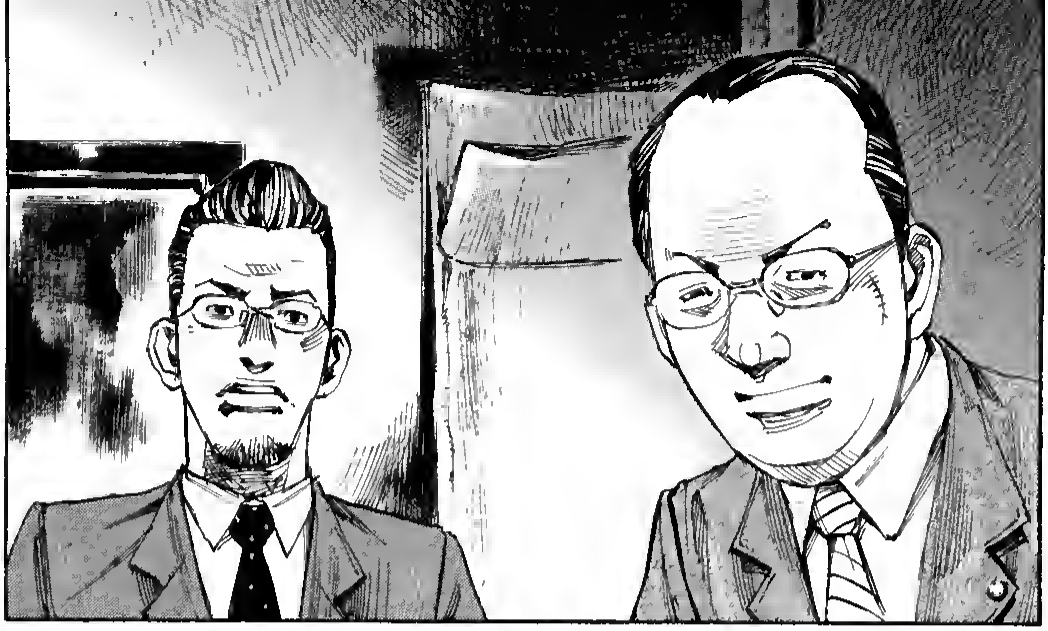
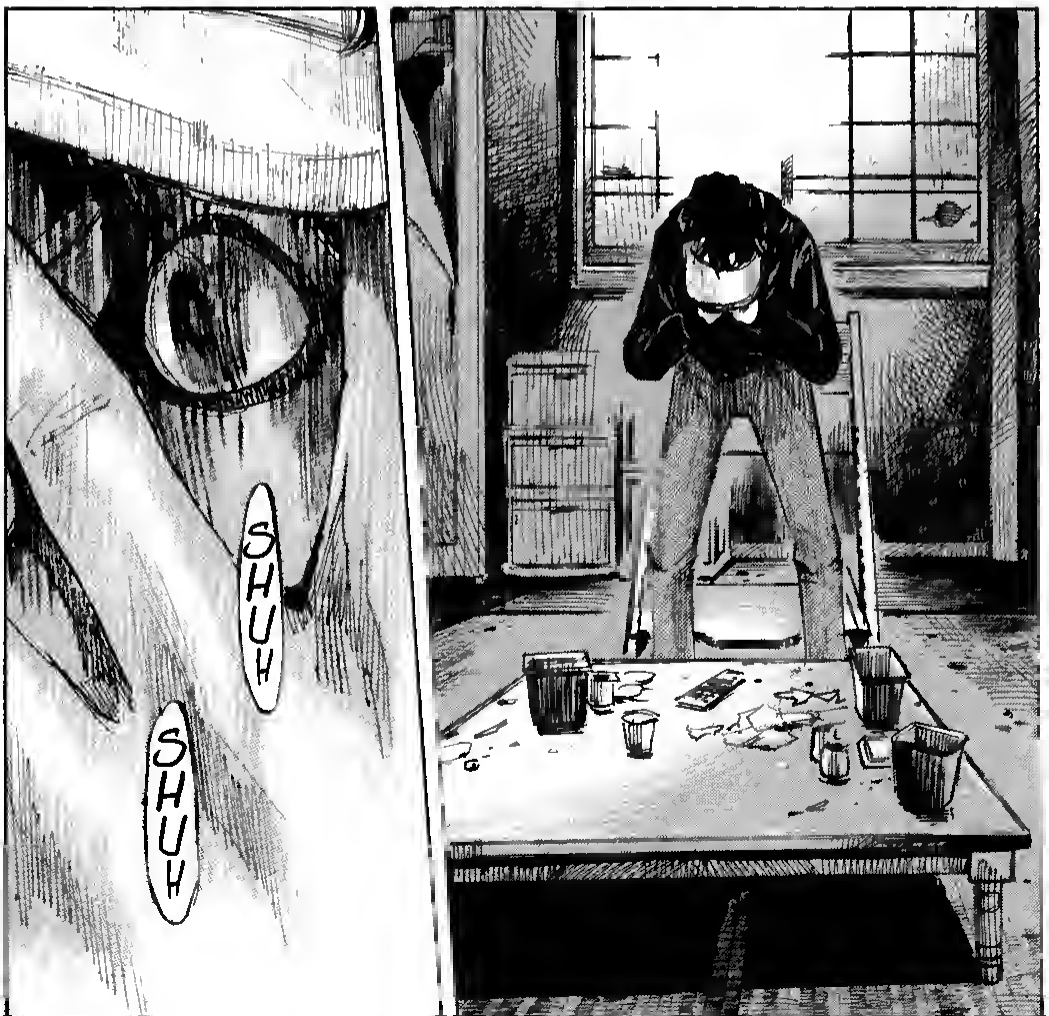
ESTING.
PLEASE, GO AHEAD AND SHOW ME.

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU.

AND IF YOU'RE RIGHT,

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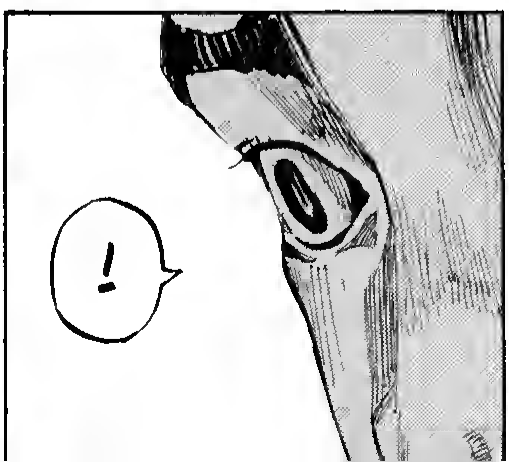
SHUH

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SEEM DOWN.

OH.

I'M NOT, REAL-LY.

WHA!?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KYAAH!

EH?
WHAT IS IT...?

POSHI!

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PURURURU

IT'S MIYA-ZATO.
SORRY FOR THE LATE CALL.

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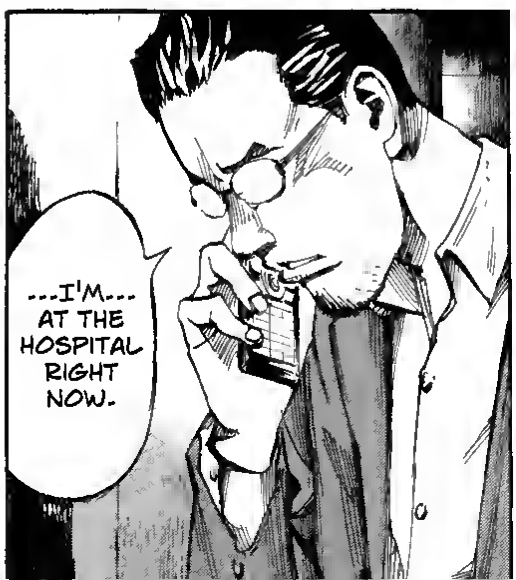
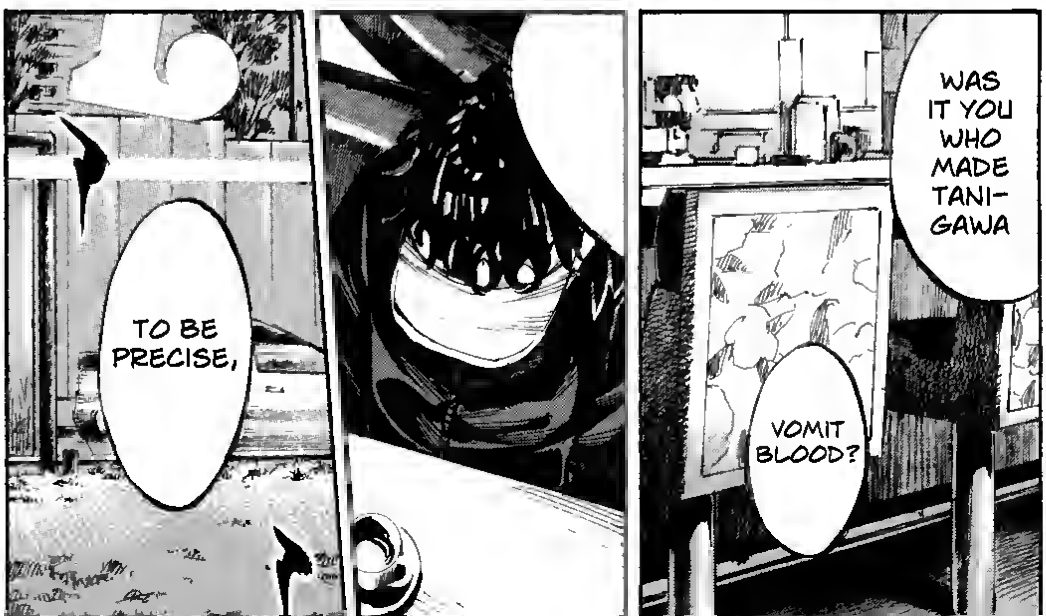

...I'M... AT THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW.

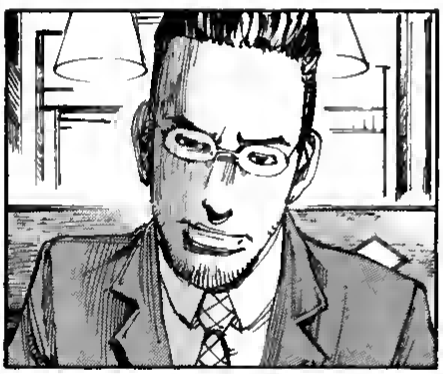
TANIGAWA COLLAPSED.
HE WAS AT A BAR AND STARTED VOMITING UP A LOT OF BLOOD AND WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL.
WHEN THE DOCTORS GOT A LOOK AT HIM...
DAIKI-SAN...
WHEN HE HAD A REGULAR CHECKUP A LITTLE WHILE AGO, THEY FOUND ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ODD ABOUT HIM.
WHEN THE DOCTORS GOT A LOOK AT HIM THEY SAID HE MIGHT HAVE ESOPHAGEAL CANCER...

YOU DON'T THINK THIS...
COULD BE THAT GUY'S DOING...?


WAS IT YOU WHO MADE TANI-GAWA VOMIT BLOOD?
TO BE PRECISE,

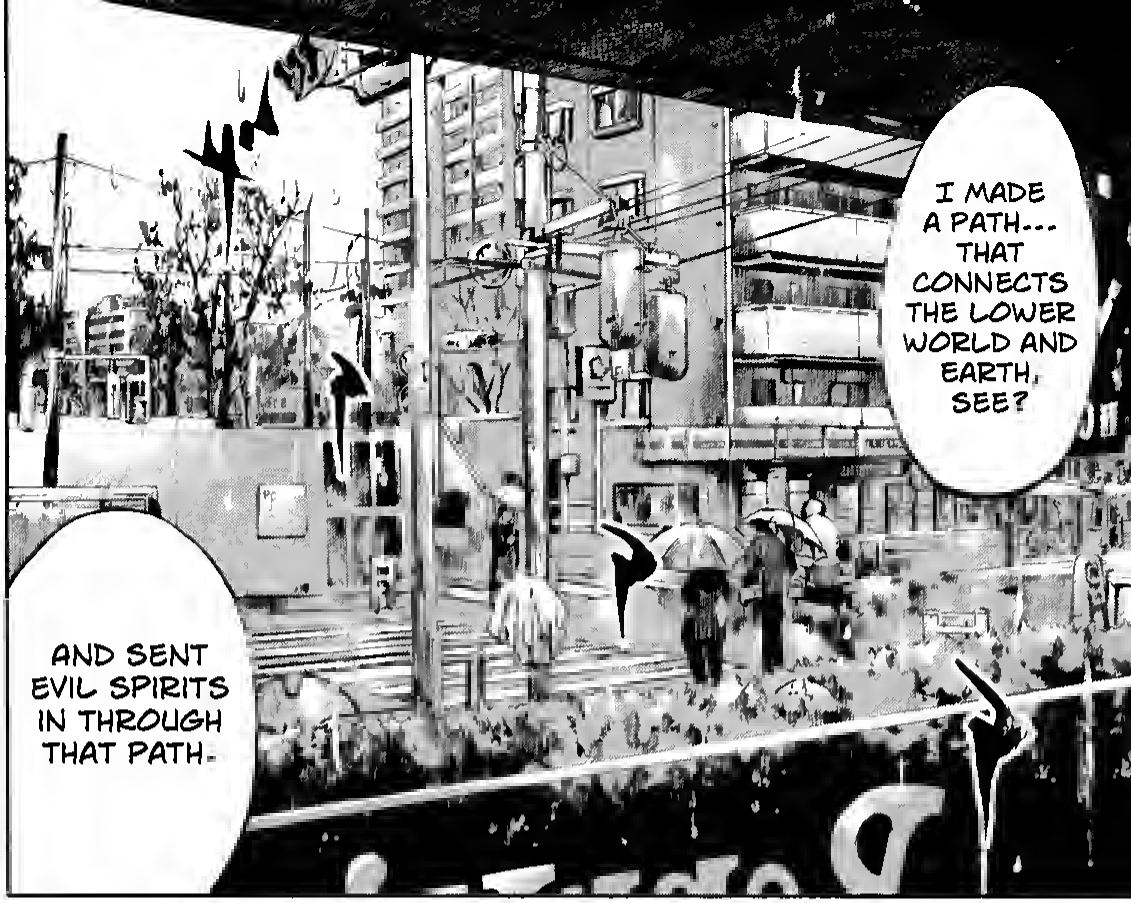
BOTH YOU, DIET MEMBER DAIKI, AND I POSSESSED HIM WITH EVIL.

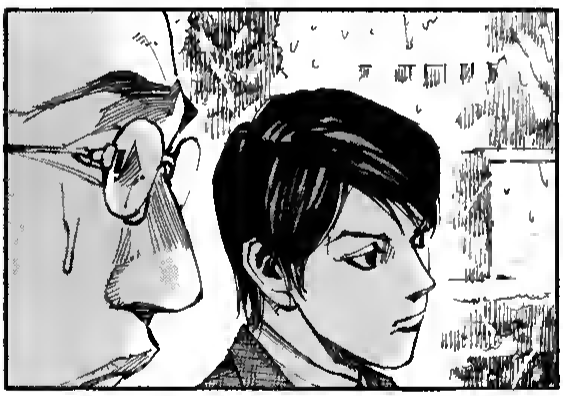
I WOULD ERASE THE ONE YOU FELT HAD INFERIOR ABILITY, DIET MEMBER DAIKI.
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?



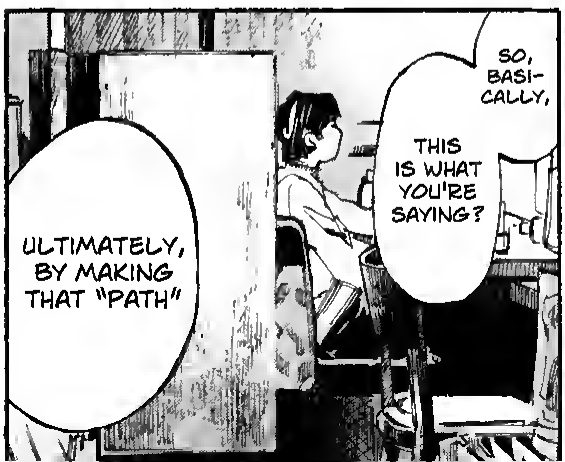
HOW HE EATS SO SLOPPILY, AND CAN'T DO JOBS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME...
YOU'RE ALWAYS THINKING IT, AREN'T YOU?

SO...
HOW DID YOU DO IT?
YES...
YOU'RE RIGHT.
HEH.
SO IT WAS THERE, HUH?
THAT MAN'S WEAK POINT...
I CERTAINLY CAN'T SAY THAT A HEALTHY PERSON SUDDENLY CONTRACTING ESOPHAGEAL CANCER IS NORMAL.
IT'S SIMPLE.


I MADE A PATH... THAT CONNECTS THE LOWER WORLD AND EARTH, SEE?
AND SENT EVIL SPIRITS IN THROUGH THAT PATH.



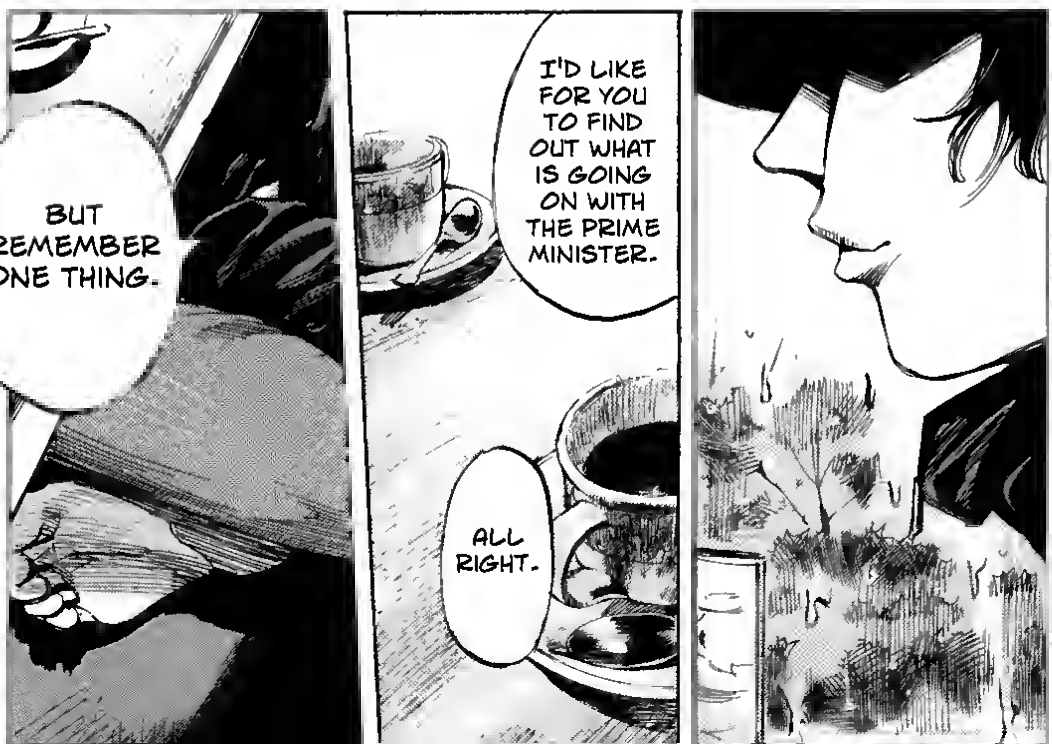
THAT MAN'S BODY'S ABILITY TO "HOUSE", AS WELL AS HIS GUARDIAN SPIRIT, WERE ORDINARY.
SO WE COULD POSSESS HIM EASILY.


SO, BASICALLY,
THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
ULTIMATELY, BY MAKING THAT "PATH"

YOU'RE ABLE TO KILL PEOPLE?
I CAN.

IF YOU TAKE AWAY THEIR BODY, THEY CAN NO LONER MOVE IN THIS WORLD...
IN THE HUMAN WORLD, WE CALL IT "DEATH".
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A PERFECT HUMAN, SO ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS BREAK AT THAT IM-PERFECTION.
THIS GUY... IS SERIOUSLY DANGER-OUS...
KUBO-KUN.

THERE IS A FAVOR I'D LIKE TO ASK OF YOU.


BUT REMEMBER ONE THING.
I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.
ALL RIGHT.

ONCE YOU'VE GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH ME, YOU CAN'T GET RID OF ME PART-WAY THROUGH.

I CAN TAKE YOUR BODIES AS WELL.
I'LL JUST SAY THIS.

I PROMISE NOT TO.
AND I DOUBT IF I LIED, IT WOULD MAKE IT PAST YOU.
THEN,
I'LL DO A LITTLE ACCESSING.
SHUH
SHUH

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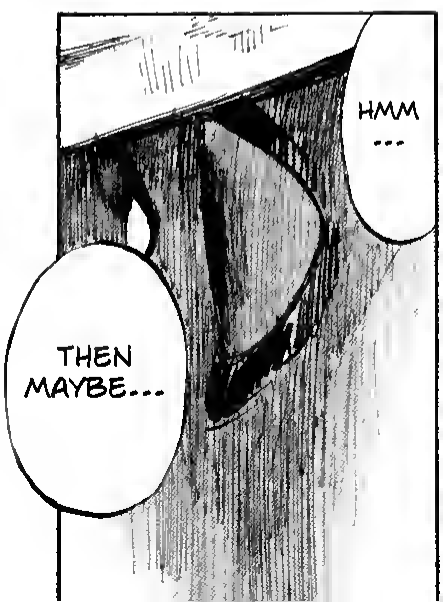
SHUH
THIS PERSON PREVIOUSLY STARTED TO RISE TO HEAVEN, AND AT THAT TIME HE OPENED.
AND HE BECAME ABLE TO TALK WITH HIS GUARDIAN SPIRIT.

TALK WITH A GUARDIAN SPIRIT...?

THEY BOTH HAVE THOROUGH TRUST IN EACH OTHER AND HAVE A REALLY GOOD RELATIONSHIP.
AND THE GUARDIAN SPIRIT IS POWERFUL.


HMM...
THEN MAYBE...

IT SEEMS THIS MAN ISN'T AFRAID OF ANYTHING...

WE COULD TRY INTIMI-DATING THIS GUARDIAN SPIRIT A LITTLE?

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SHUH
SHUH
I CAN SEE...
...A CHINESE HOTEL... HUH?
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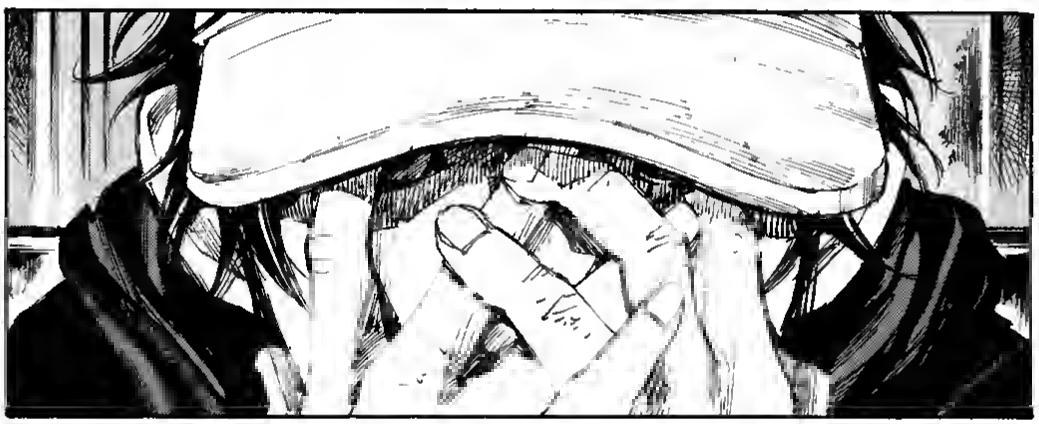
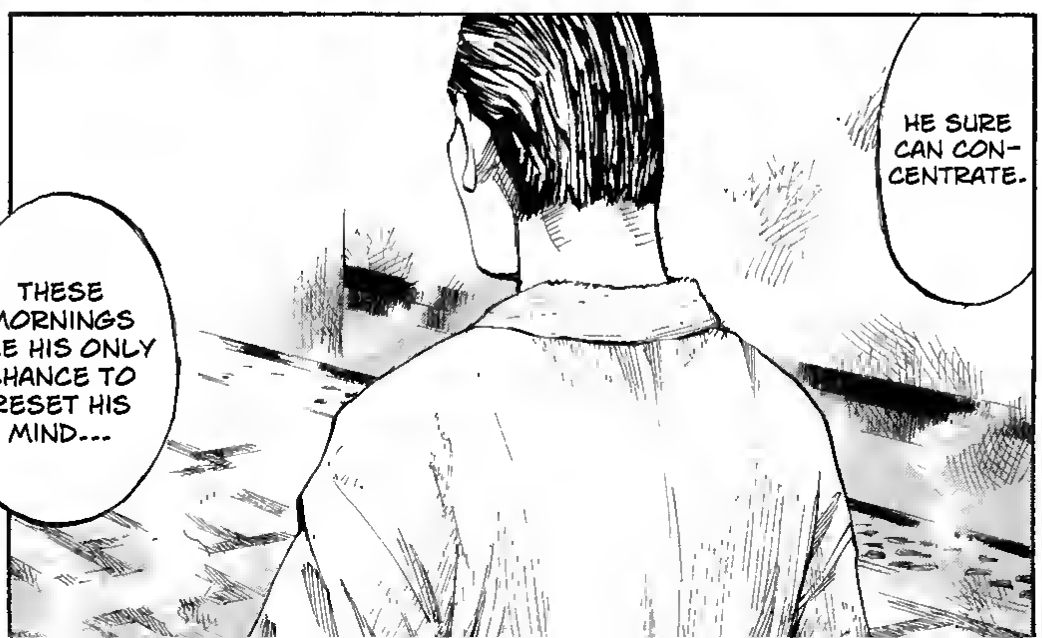
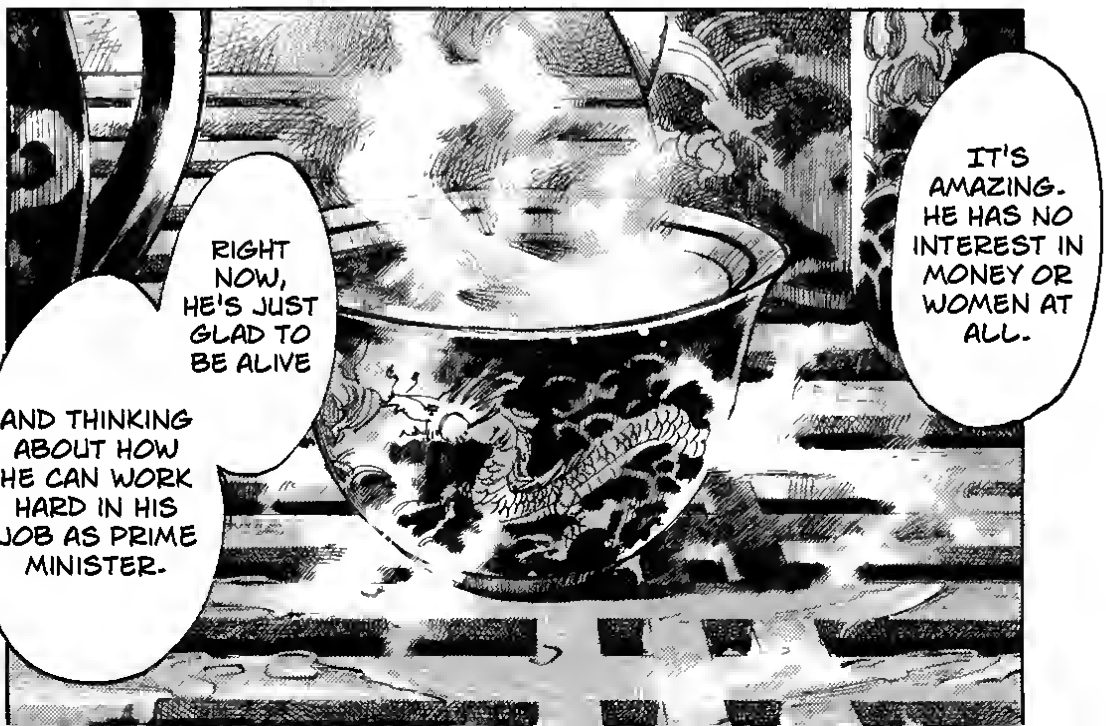
SO, HE'S MEDITAT-ING.
THIS MAN DOES THIS EVERY MORNING.



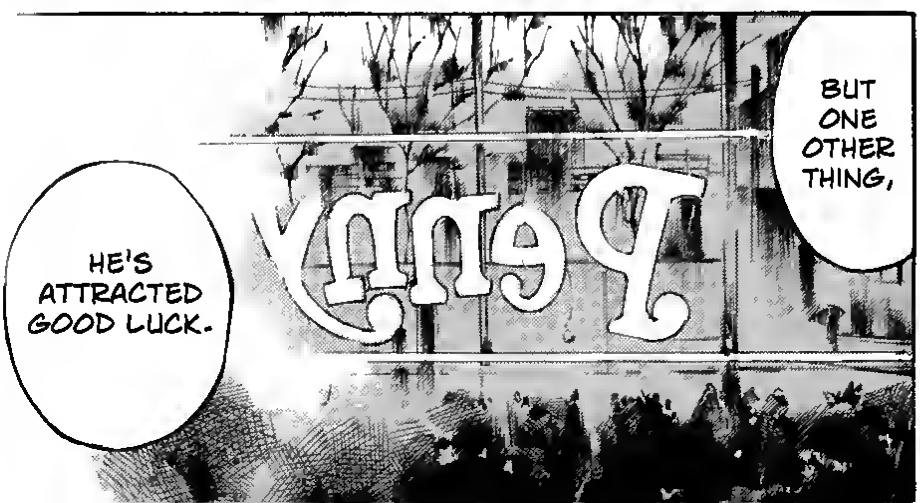

HE SURE CAN CONCENTRATE.
THESE MORNINGS ARE HIS ONLY CHANCE TO RESET HIS MIND---

HMM...
BUT THIS MAN... HE'S REALLY AT A PEAK.

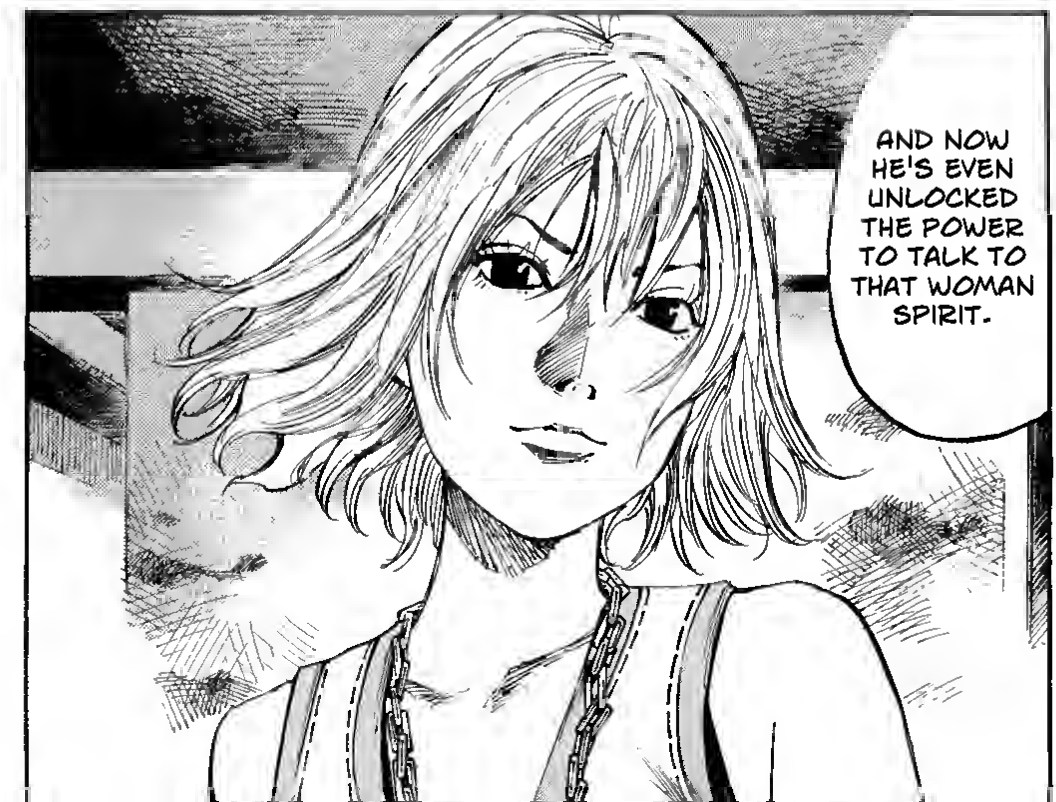

IT'S AMAZING. HE HAS NO INTEREST IN MONEY OR WOMEN AT ALL.
RIGHT NOW, HE'S JUST GLAD TO BE ALIVE
AND THINKING ABOUT HOW HE CAN WORK HARD IN HIS JOB AS PRIME MINISTER.

ISN'T THAT NICE?
HE'S LIKE A PICTUR-ESQUE MAN...

I REALLY UNDER-STAND THIS PERSON.
HE FEELS HE'S NOT A PARTI-CULARLY GREAT PERSON...
HE THINKS HE'S A NORMAL SALARY MAN WITH NO BACKBONE, THAT JUST GOT LUCKY TO GET THERE.


BUT ONE OTHER THING,
HE'S ATTRACTED GOOD LUCK.

THE REASON HE WAS ABLE TO COME BACK FROM THE VERGE OF DEATH BEFORE,
IS BECAUSE HE WAS SAVED BY A STRONG GUARDIAN SPIRIT.


AND NOW HE'S EVEN UNLOCKED THE POWER TO TALK TO THAT WOMAN SPIRIT.

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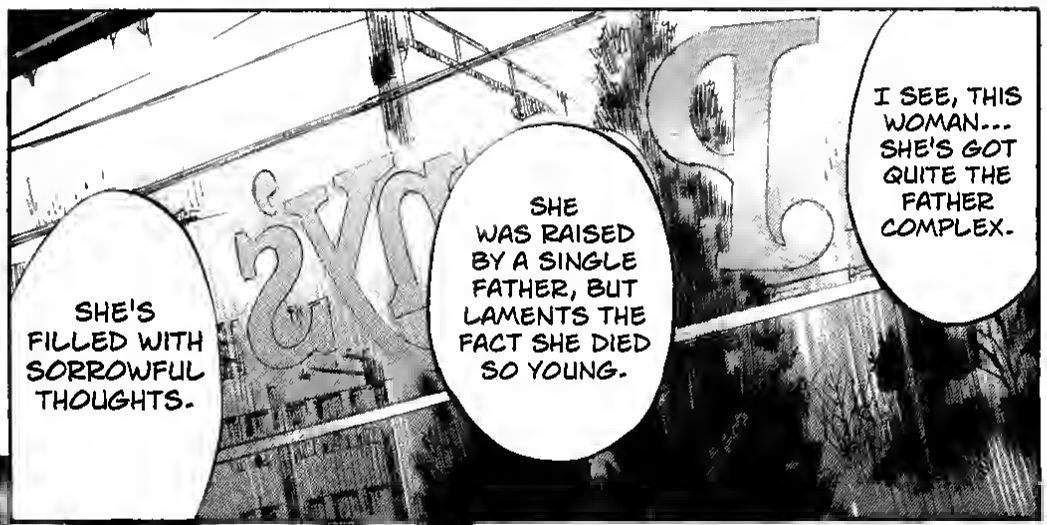
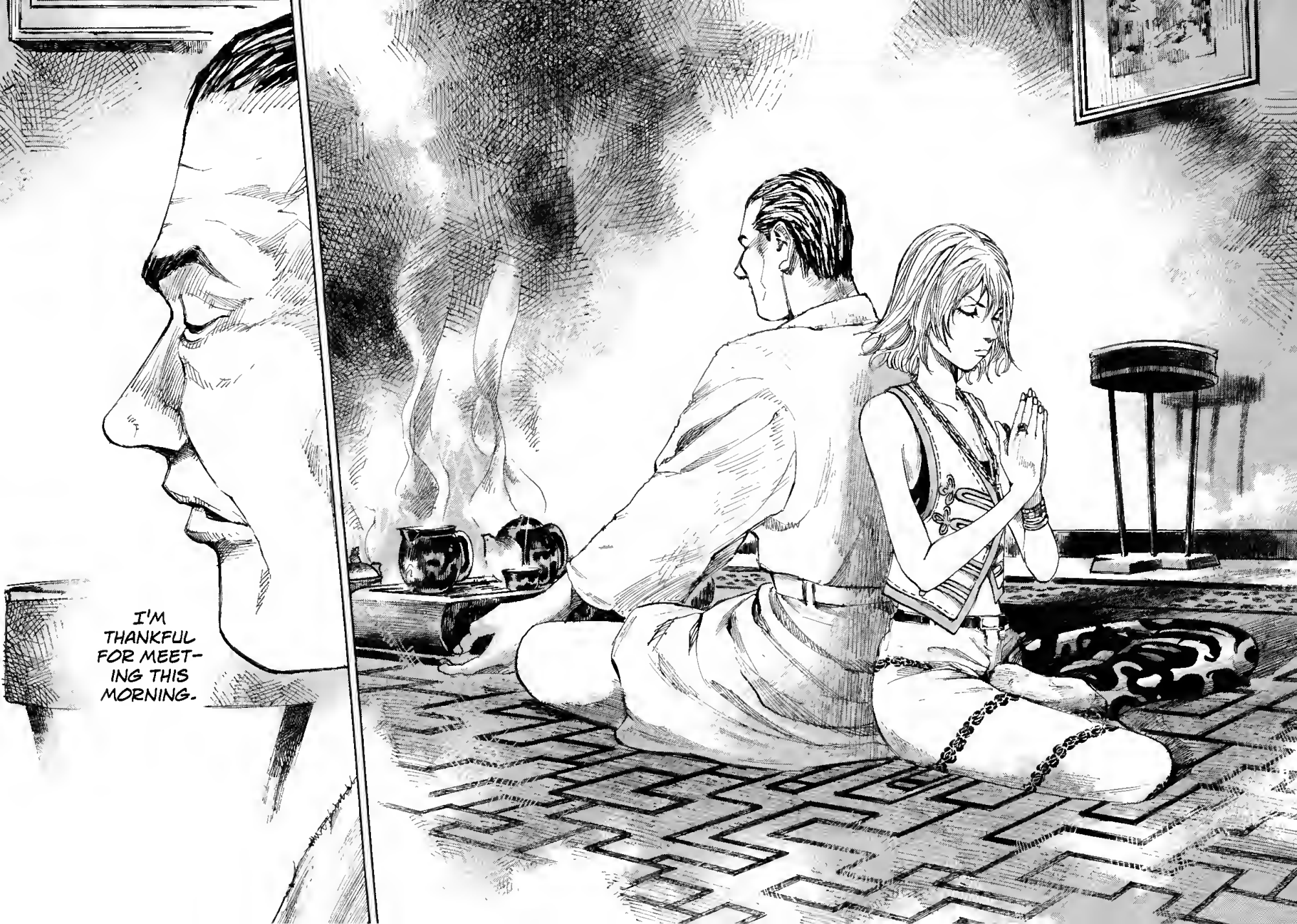
SHUH

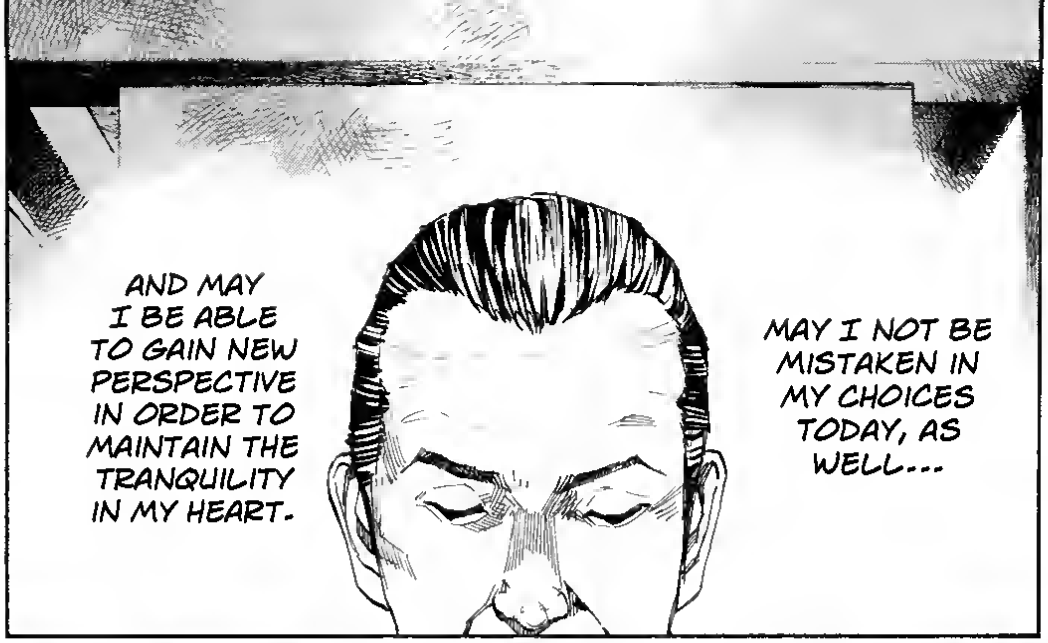

I SEE, THIS WOMAN... SHE'S GOT QUITE THE FATHER COMPLEX.
SHE WAS RAISED BY A SINGLE FATHER, BUT LAMENTS THE FACT SHE DIED SO YOUNG.
SHE'S FILLED WITH SORROWFUL THOUGHTS.

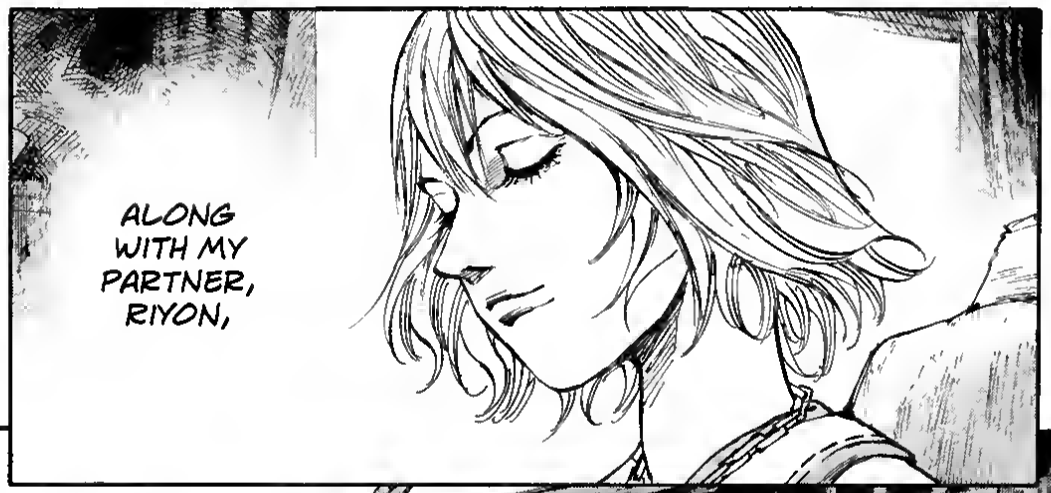
SO SHE'S PILING HER DEVOTION AS A DAUGHTER ON THIS PRIME MINISTER.
I KNOW THAT FEELING...

BECAUSE EARTH IS FILLED WITH EVENTS THAT DON'T HAPPEN IN TIME.
IT'S BEGIN-NING.

THE TWO OF THEM SPEND MORNINGS DEEP IN MEDITATION, LIKE THEY'RE INTEGRATING THEIR SOULS TOGETHER.
THEY KEEP GAPS FROM OPENING IN THEIR HEARTS
AND THEY BOTH MAKE SURE
EVIL SPIRITS DON'T POSSESS EACH OTHER.


I'M THANKFUL FOR MEETING THIS MORNING.


AND MAY I BE ABLE TO GAIN NEW PERSPECTIVE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE TRANQUILITY IN MY HEART.
MAY I NOT BE MISTAKEN IN MY CHOICES TODAY, AS WELL...


ALONG WITH MY PARTNER, RIYON,

FOR THE SAKE OF THE COUNTRY OF JAPAN.
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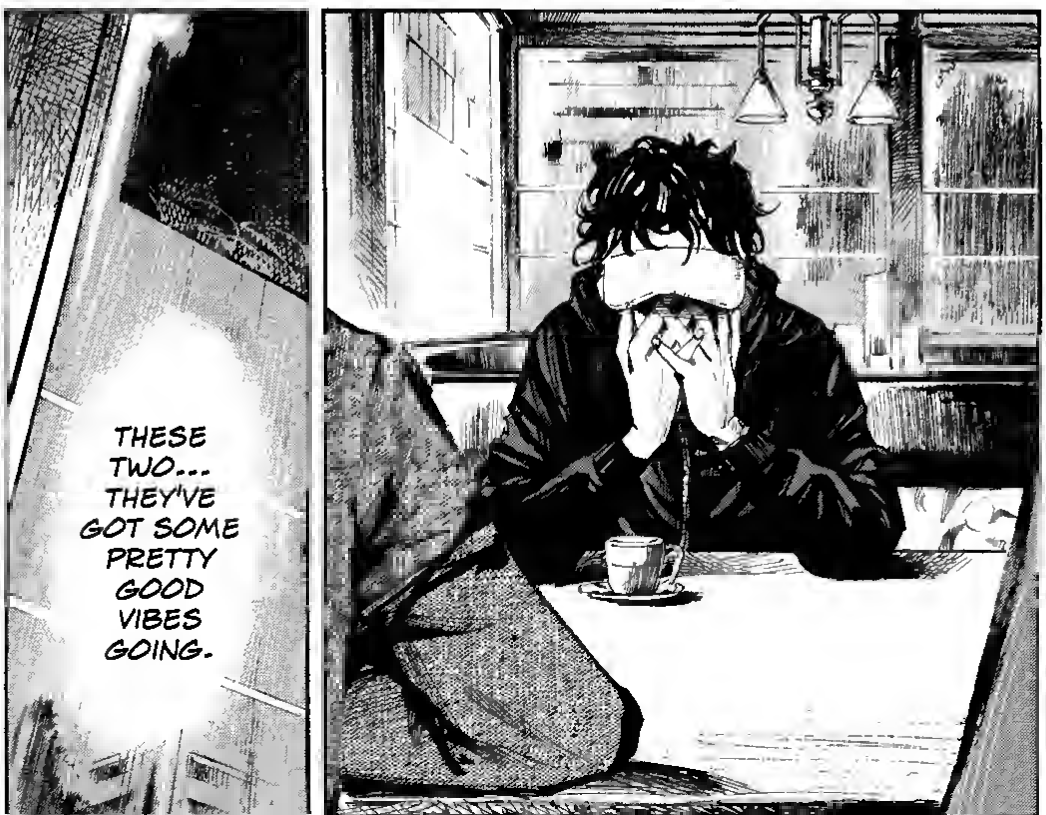
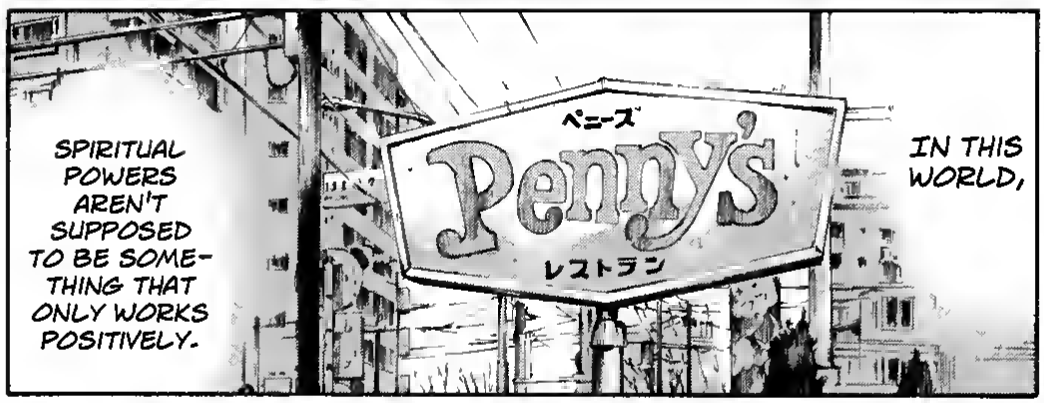
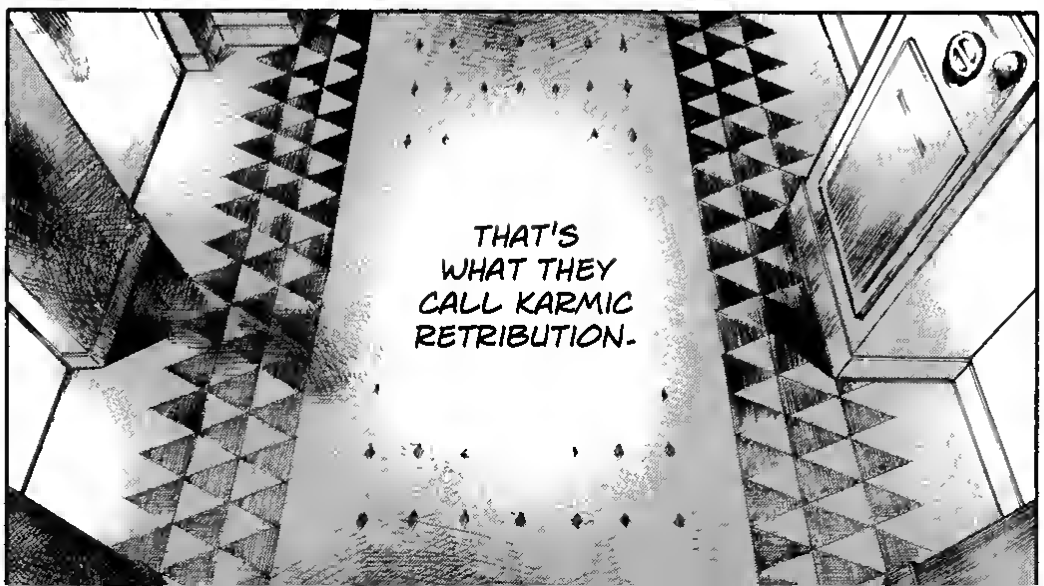
世界

I NOW START THIS DAY.

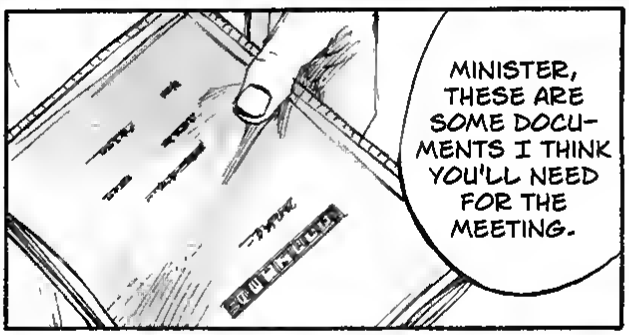

THESE TWO... THEY'VE GOT SOME PRETTY GOOD VIBES GOING.

BUT YOU GUYS ARE BREAKING THE RULES, AIN'CHA?


SPIRITUAL POWERS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE SOME-THING THAT ONLY WORKS POSITIVELY.
ペニーズ
Penny's
レストラン
IN THIS WORLD,


THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL KARMIC RETRIBUTION.

GOOD MORNING, MINISTER!
HERE'S YOUR TIME TABLE FOR TODAY.

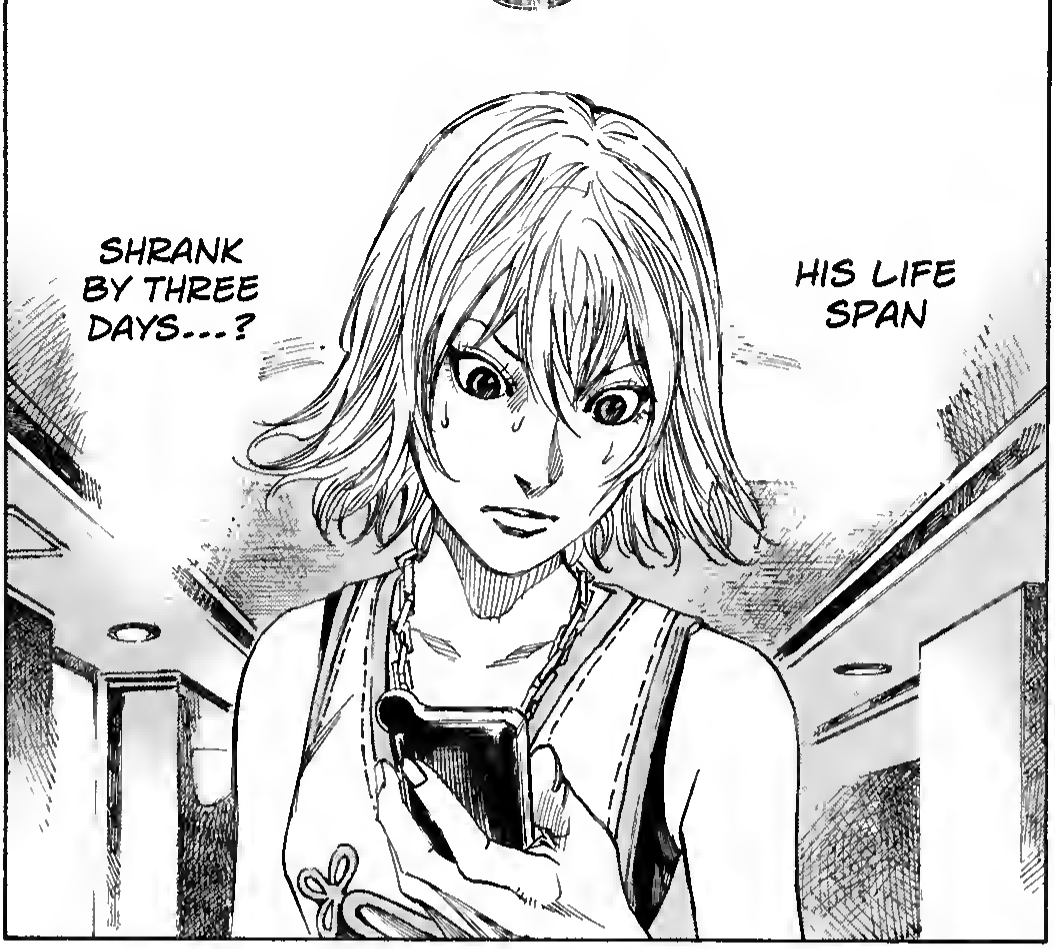

MINISTER, THESE ARE SOME DOCUMENTS I THINK YOU'LL NEED FOR THE MEETING.

YES, THANK YOU.

THIS IS GOING GOOD!
OKAY,
VVVVV
HM?
VVVVVV

YOU'RE KIDDIN' ME!
HOW?
!

THAT CAN'T BE.


SHRANK BY THREE DAYS...?
HIS LIFE SPAN

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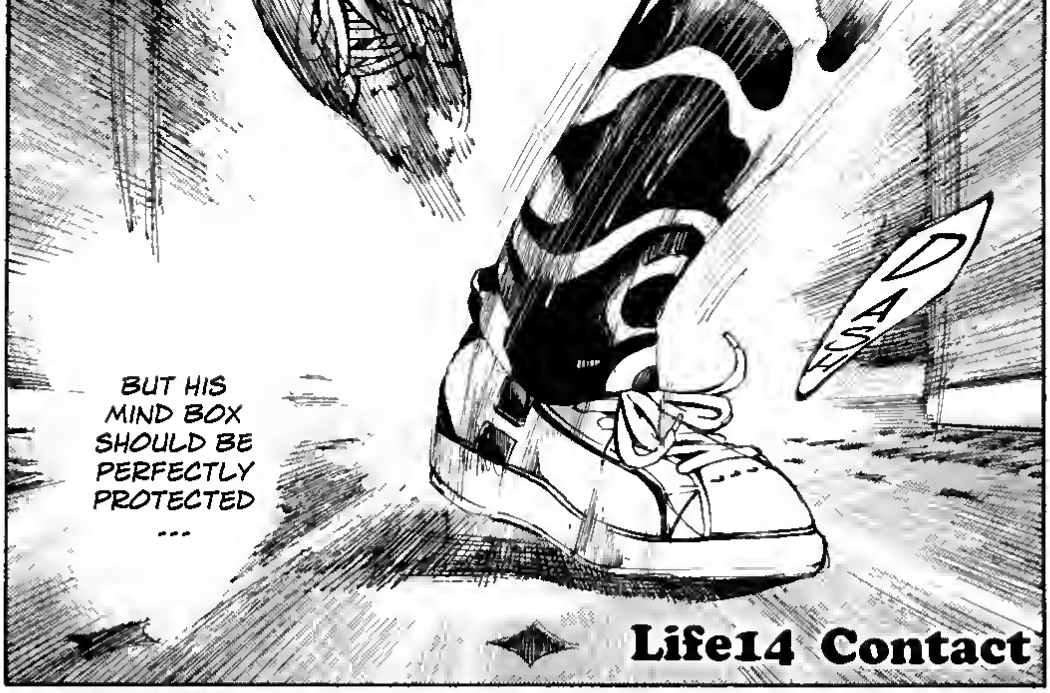

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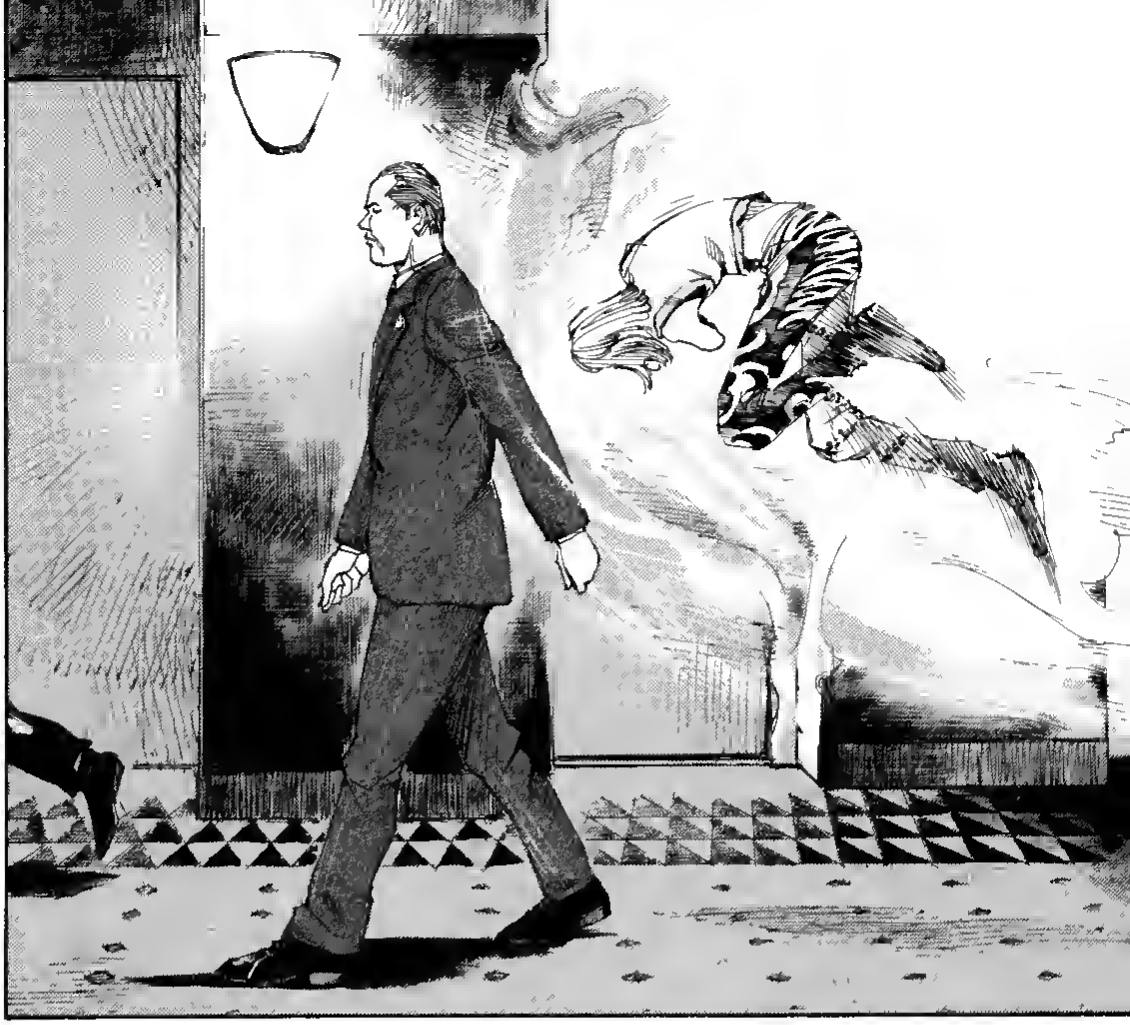

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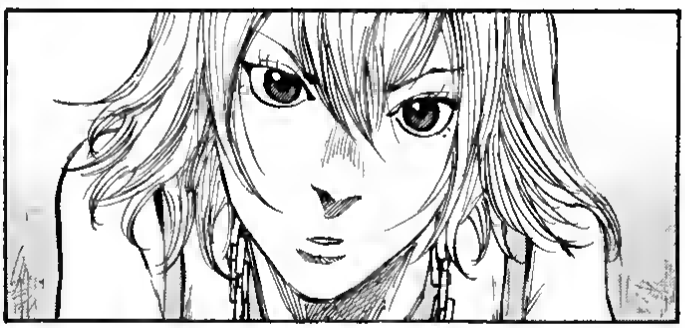
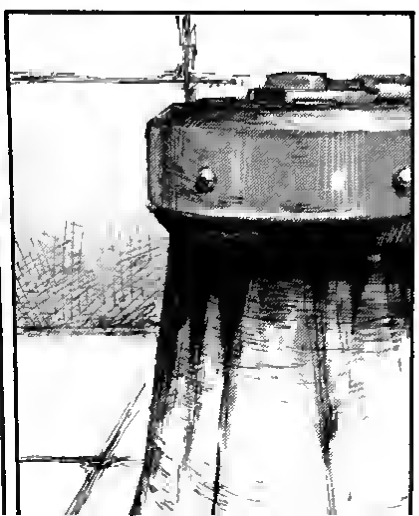
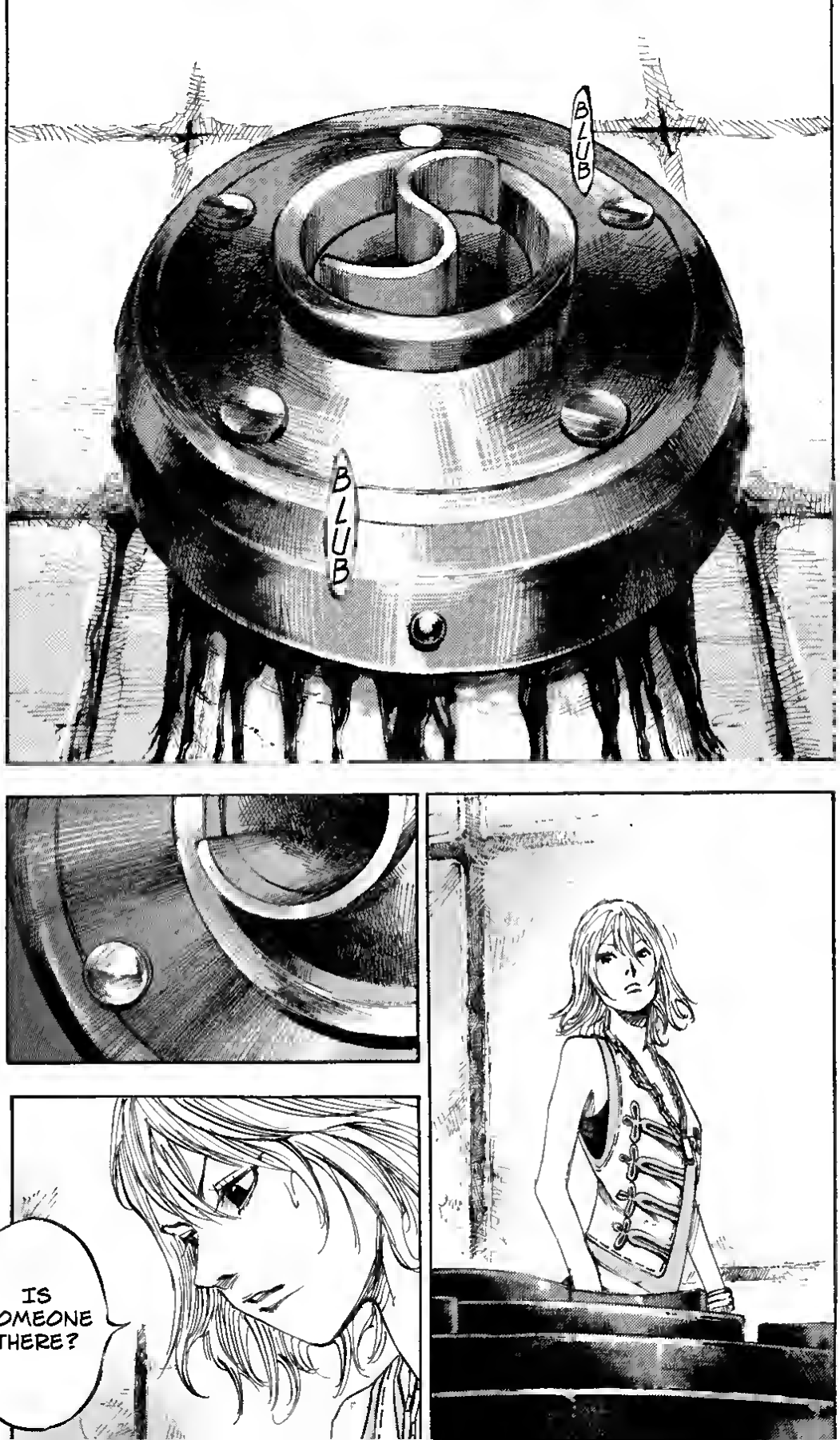
OOZING IN!



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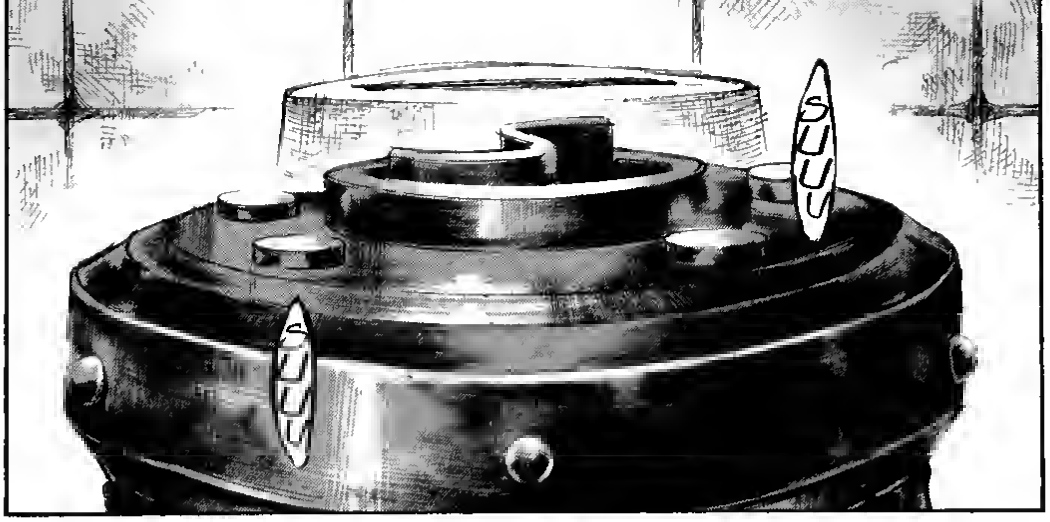
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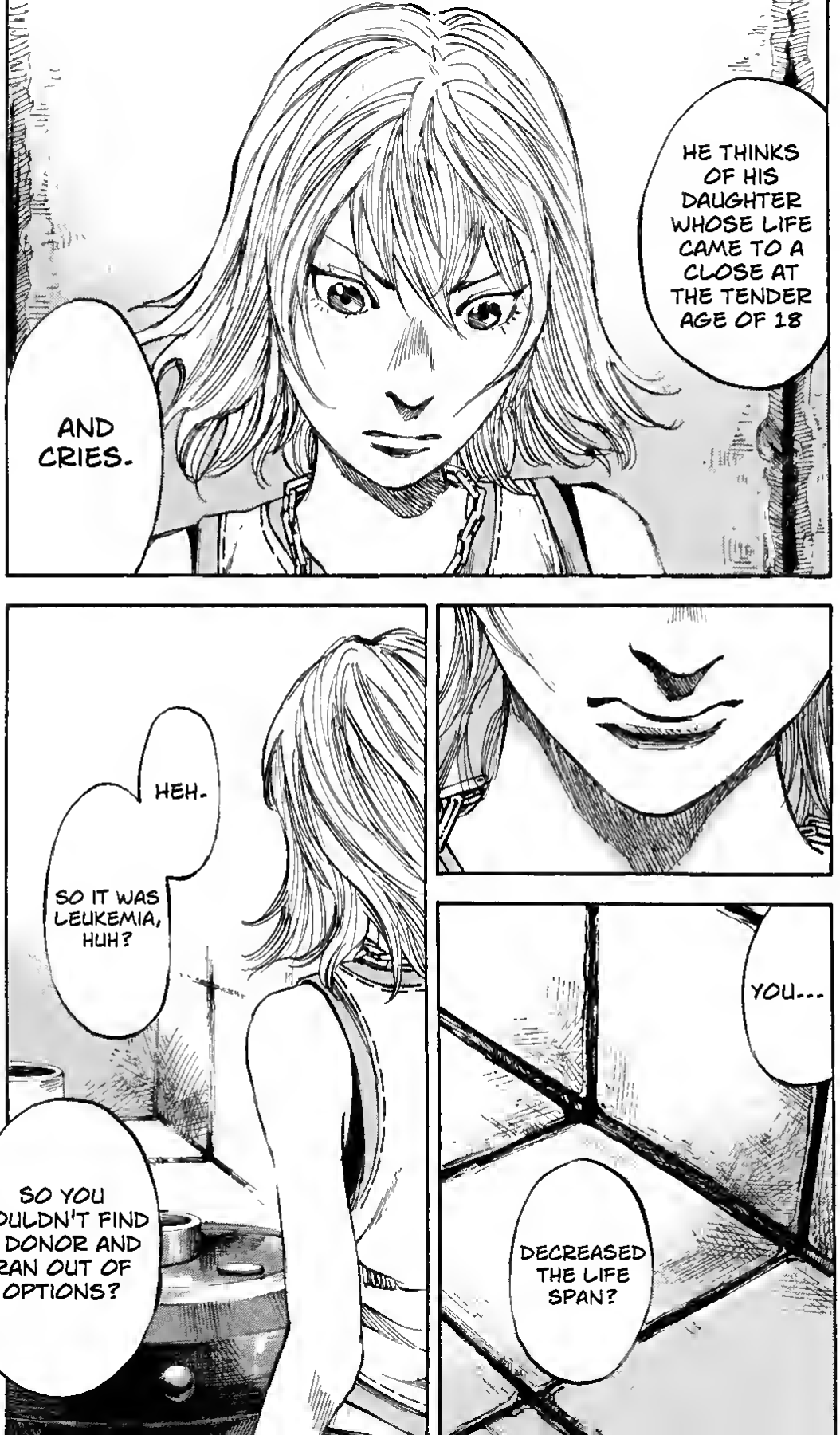
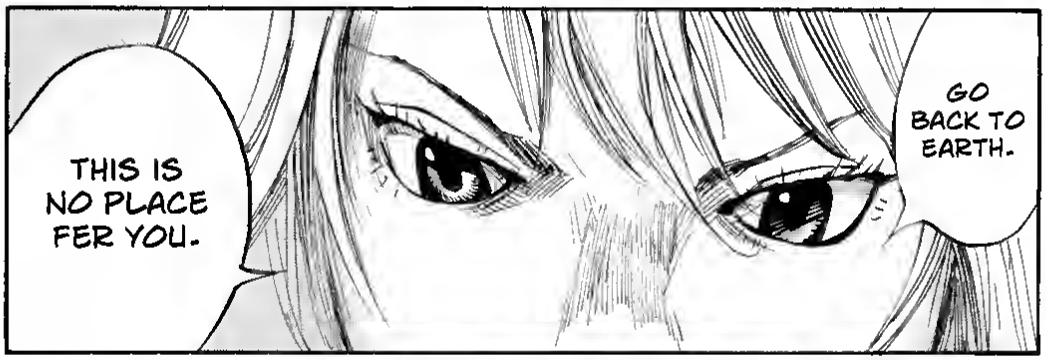
HOW SAD...

SHOULD I HAVE GONE TO THAT HOSPITAL? IF I HAD MONEY, I COULD'VE GOTTEN HER BETTER TREAT-MENT...
YOUR DAD LAMENTS EVERY DAY...


HE THINKS OF HIS DAUGHTER WHOSE LIFE CAME TO A CLOSE AT THE TENDER AGE OF 18
AND CRIES.
HEH.
SO IT WAS LEUKEMIA, HUH?
SO YOU COULDN'T FIND A DONOR AND RAN OUT OF OPTIONS?
YOU...
DECREASED THE LIFE SPAN?

SUUU
SUUU
WELL, THERE WAS NOTHING YOU COULD DO.
THAT WAS YOUR EARTHLY FATE.
SUUU
YOU'RE HUMAN, RIGHT?
YOU'RE BREATH-ING.
YUP.
FLESH AND BLOOD.
ENOUGH TO WANNA BE GUARDED BY PEPPY OLD YOU!

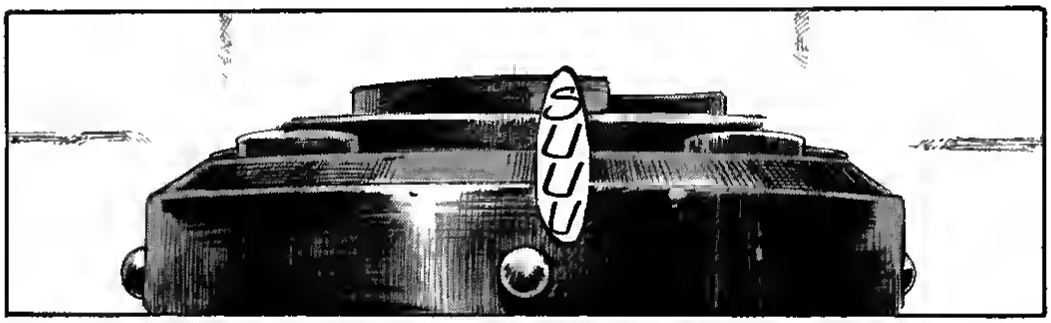
BUT YOU DID GOOD, BLOCKING THIS ORDINARY PRIME MINISTER'S MIND BOX LIKE THIS.
I COULDN'T POSSESS HIM EASILY.


GO BACK TO EARTH.
THIS IS NO PLACE FER YOU.

BUT... THIS PROBABLY WON'T BE FAREWELL.

I WILL.
I GET TIRED DOING THIS SORTA THING, JUST AS YOU'D EXPECT.

HUH!?
WHADDA YOU MEAN!?
BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE ALREADY BEING TAKEN INTO A BLACK SPIRAL...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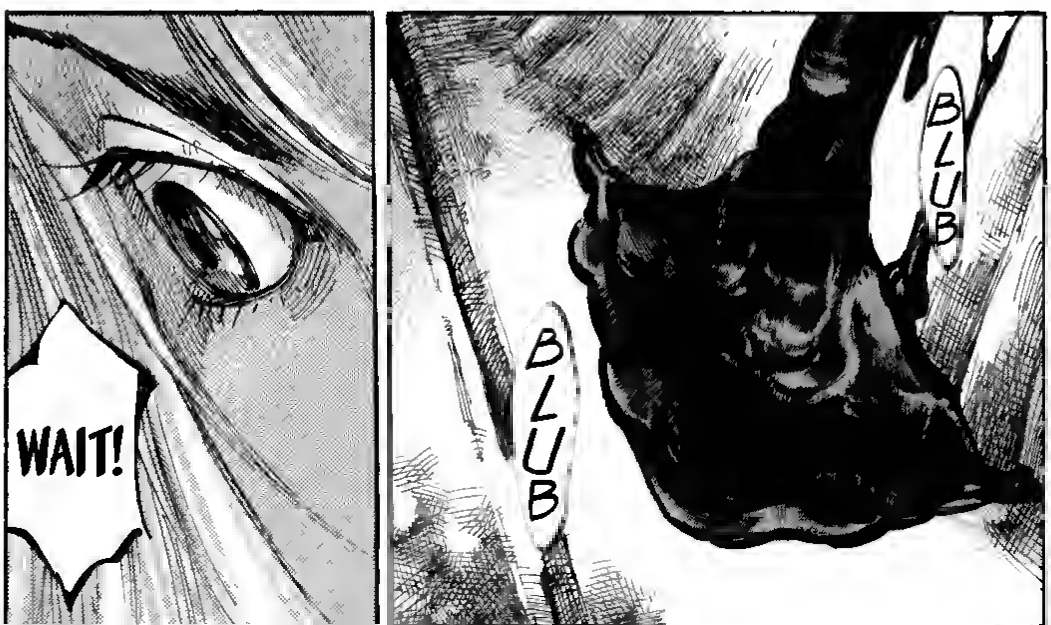
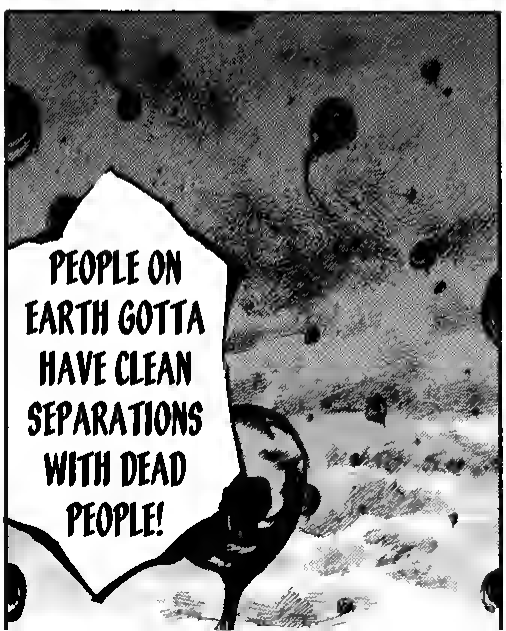

WAIT!
BLUB
BLUB

CLACK
CLAN

WHAT'S A BLACK SPIRAL!?

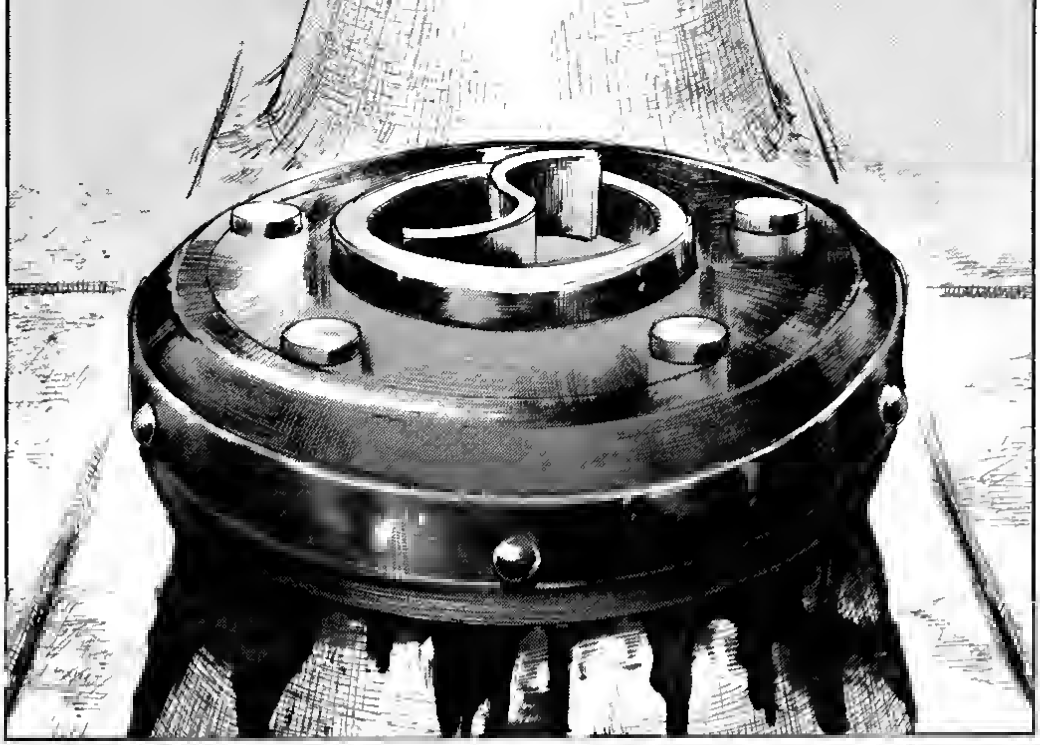
I THINK I'LL TRY GOING TO YOUR DAD'S SHOP IN OOSAKA NEXT TIME.

IT MIGHT BE NICE TO TELL HIM YOU'RE WORKING HARD AS THE PRIME MINISTER'S GUARDIAN SPIRIT.


PEOPLE ON EARTH GOTTA HAVE CLEAN SEPARATIONS WITH DEAD PEOPLE!

ARE YOU A MORON!?
DON'T GO SCREWING AROUND!

YOU MUST NOT REMEMBER THE LAST WORDS YOU HAD WITH YOUR DAD.
THAT'S ODD.
CLEAN SEPARA-TIONS?
DO YOU RE-MEMBER WHAT YOU SAID
AMONG THE FEAR OF LOOMING DEATH?
YOU SHOULD TRY TO REMEM-BER.
THOSE WORDS TORMENT YOUR DAD EVEN NOW.

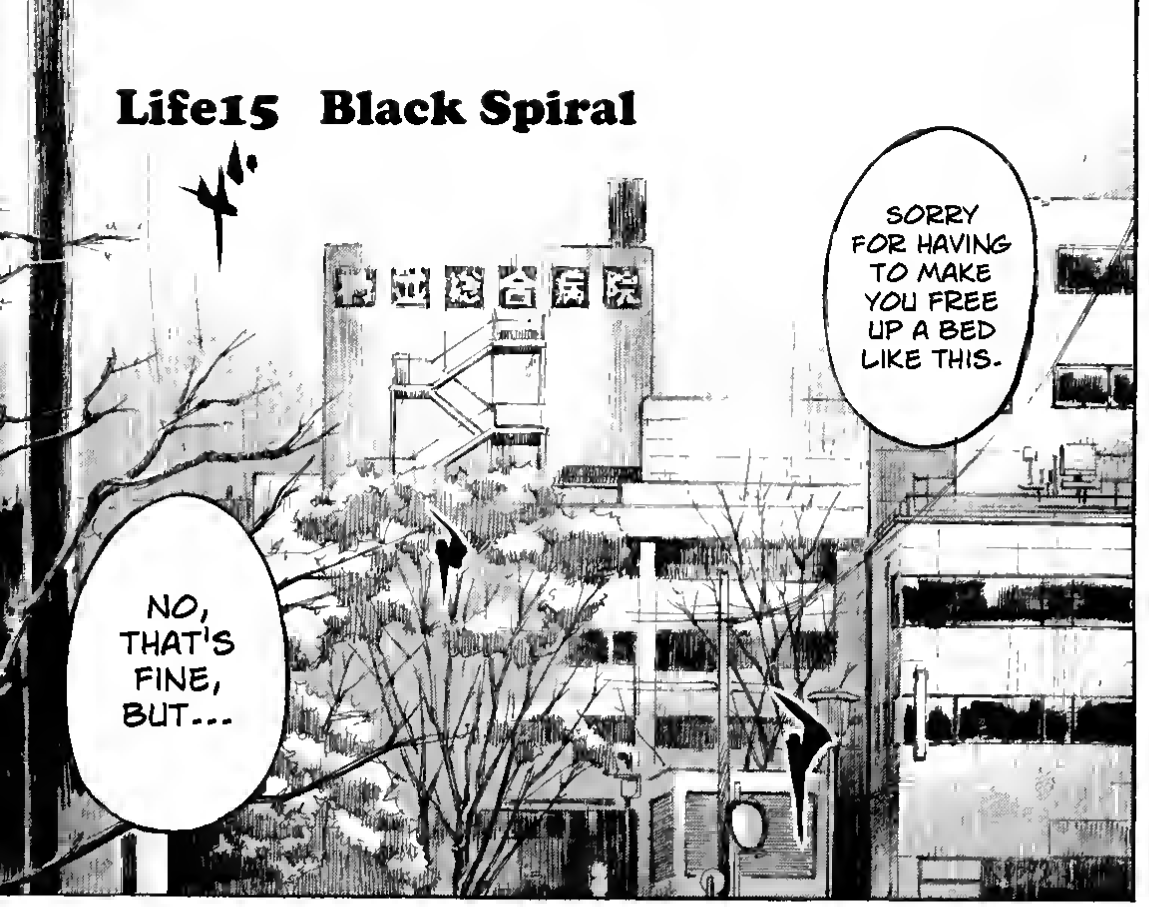


FROM ONE LITTLE POSSESSION, HIS LIFE SPAN SHRANK THREE DAYS?

THAT GUY'S POWER IS...

Cabinet Prime Minister Kasuga Kouichirou
Remaining Life Span 491 Days—

Life15 Black Spiral



THAT BOY... ONLY HAS A TEMPERATURE OF 29 DEGREES.

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE COULD BE STANDING AND WALKING AROUND LIKE THAT.
NORMALLY, 29 DEGREES
IS A NUMBER THAT GOES BEYOND THE REALM OF HYPOTHERMIA, INTO DEATH.
HEY, DAIKI, DO YOU THINK YOU COULD LEAVE THAT PATIENT IN MY CARE FOR A WHILE?
I'M INTERESTED IN HIM AS A DOCTOR.
ALL RIGHT,
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

DAIKI-SAN,
I'M SORRY FOR TROU-BLING YOU.

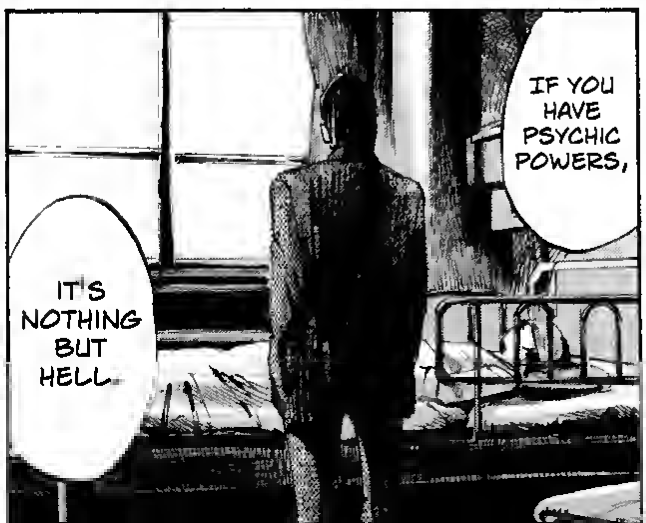
CLACK

TAP

HOW ARE YOU FEEL-ING?
I'M FINE NOW.
I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT.
JUST LIKE YOU'D THINK,
PEOPLE CONSIDER ME A WEIRDO.
BUT THIS IS MY HONEST FORM.

BECAUSE I HAVE THIS "POWER", I CANNOT LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.

FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME,


IF YOU HAVE PSYCHIC POWERS,
IT'S NOTHING BUT HELL.

THERE'S NO WORTH IN LIVING.

YOU'RE DIFFERENT, DAIKI-SAN.
EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE TREATS PEOPLE LIKE ME AS A FREAK,
BUT I'M REALLY THANK-FUL.

YOU SEE ME AS A SICK PERSON.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU READ MY MIND.
I'M GLAD...
IT'S TRUE... I THOUGHT TANIGAWA WAS INFERIOR.

LEAN
I COULD BE USEFUL.
SHUH
SHUH
I NEED TO GET TO MY PART TIME JOB.

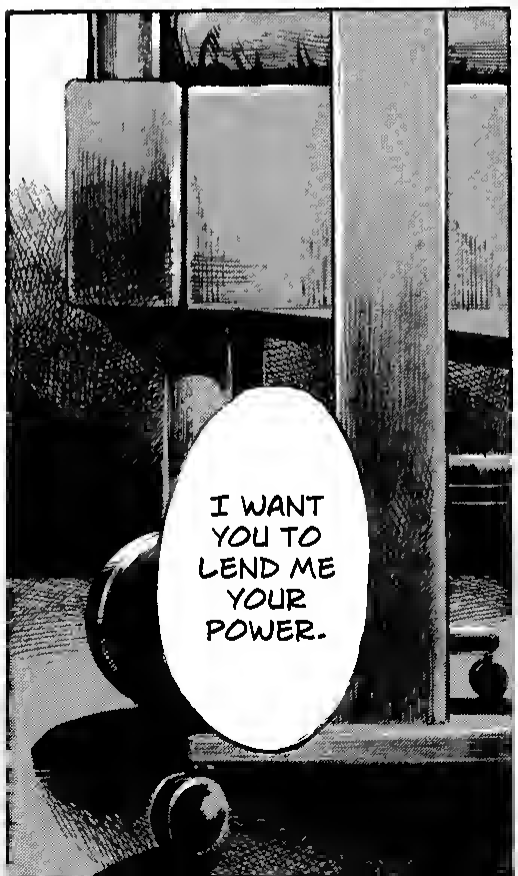
YOU SAID MY FATHER REALIZES MY WEAK POINT, RIGHT?

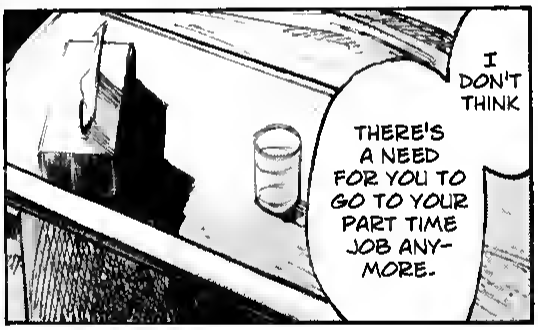
BUT THERE'S ONE THING I'D LIKE TO ASK.

WHAT---
IS IT?

THAT IS THE POINT WHERE YOU REVERE YOUR FATHER, DAIKI-SAN.
CAN I BE HONEST ...?
YES.
YOU WERE RAISED AND BUILT BY HIM, DAIKI-SAN.
IN ORDER TO SURPASS THE GREAT STATESMAN THAT IS YOUR FATHER, YOU NEED TO DISAVOW HIM.
SEVERING THOSE TIES WOULD BE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE.

YOU CAN DEFINITELY BECOME PRIME MINISTER.
IF YOU CAN DO THAT,
BUT DAIKI-SAN,
SHUH
SHUH
SHUH
SHUH


I WANT YOU TO LEND ME YOUR POWER.


I DON'T THINK THERE'S A NEED FOR YOU TO GO TO YOUR PART TIME JOB ANY-MORE.

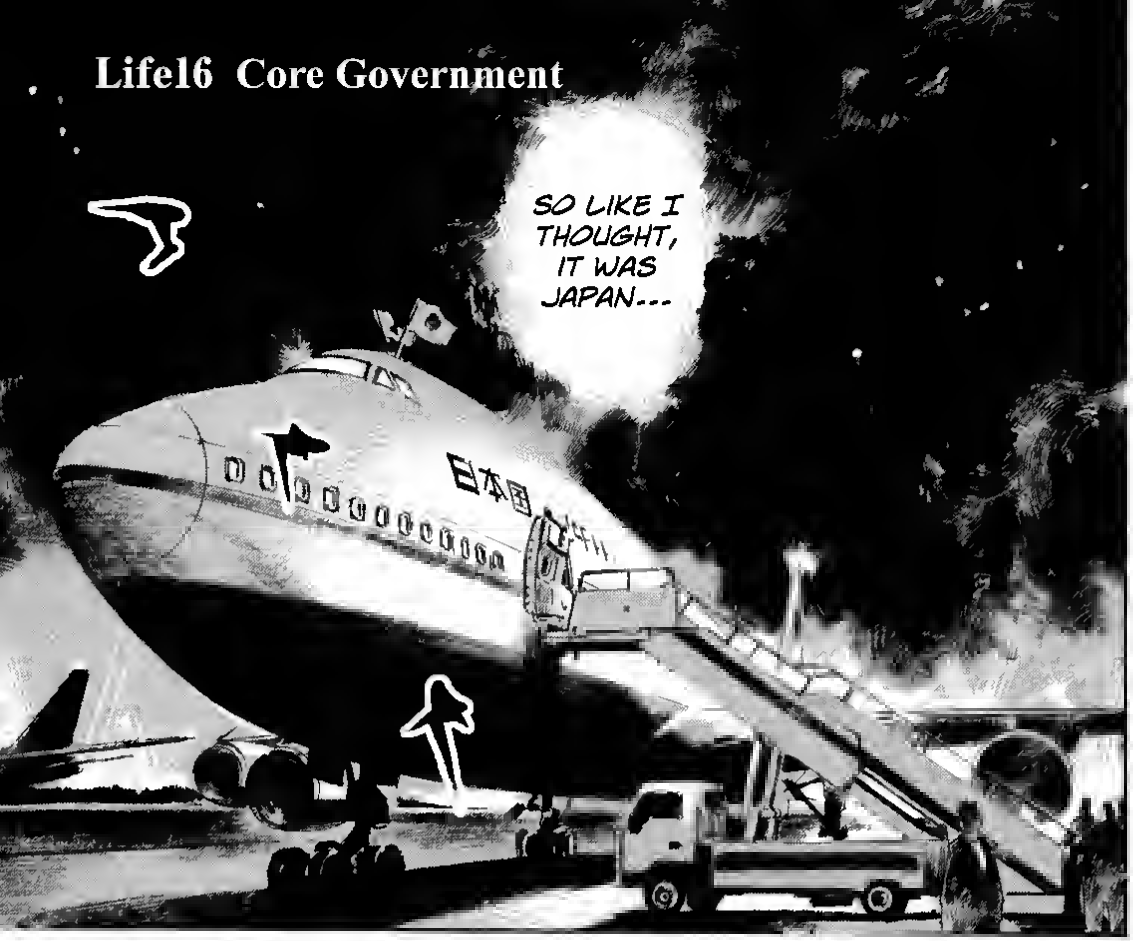
LET ME REAFFIRM THIS,
I WANT TO WORK WITH YOU.

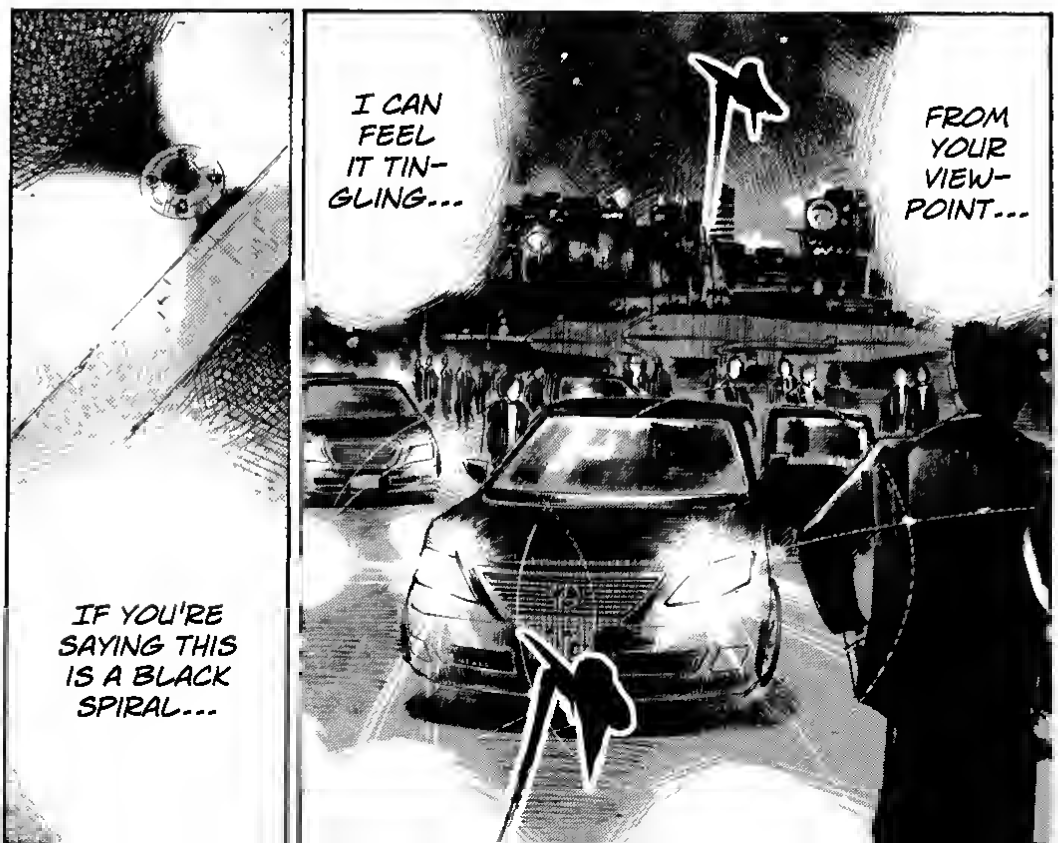
ONCE MY WORK FOR THE DAY IS DONE, I'LL COME HERE TO MEET WITH YOU.
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE CONDITIONS THEN.
REALLY!!?
UM...
ONE THING ...
IT'S HARD FOR ME TO SAY, BUT...
THE TRUTH IS, I HAVE A LITTLE SISTER IN THE HOSPITAL
WHAT ...?

WITH A SERIOUS ILLNESS...
CREAK
I UNDER-STAND.

PRIME MINISTER KASUGA IS RETURNING FROM HIS TRIP TO CHINA THIS AFTERNOON.
BY THIS VISIT TO CHINA, THE FUTURE JAPAN-CHINA RELATIONS COULD BE SEEN TO HAVE DEEPENED... IN ASIA——

Life16 Core Government





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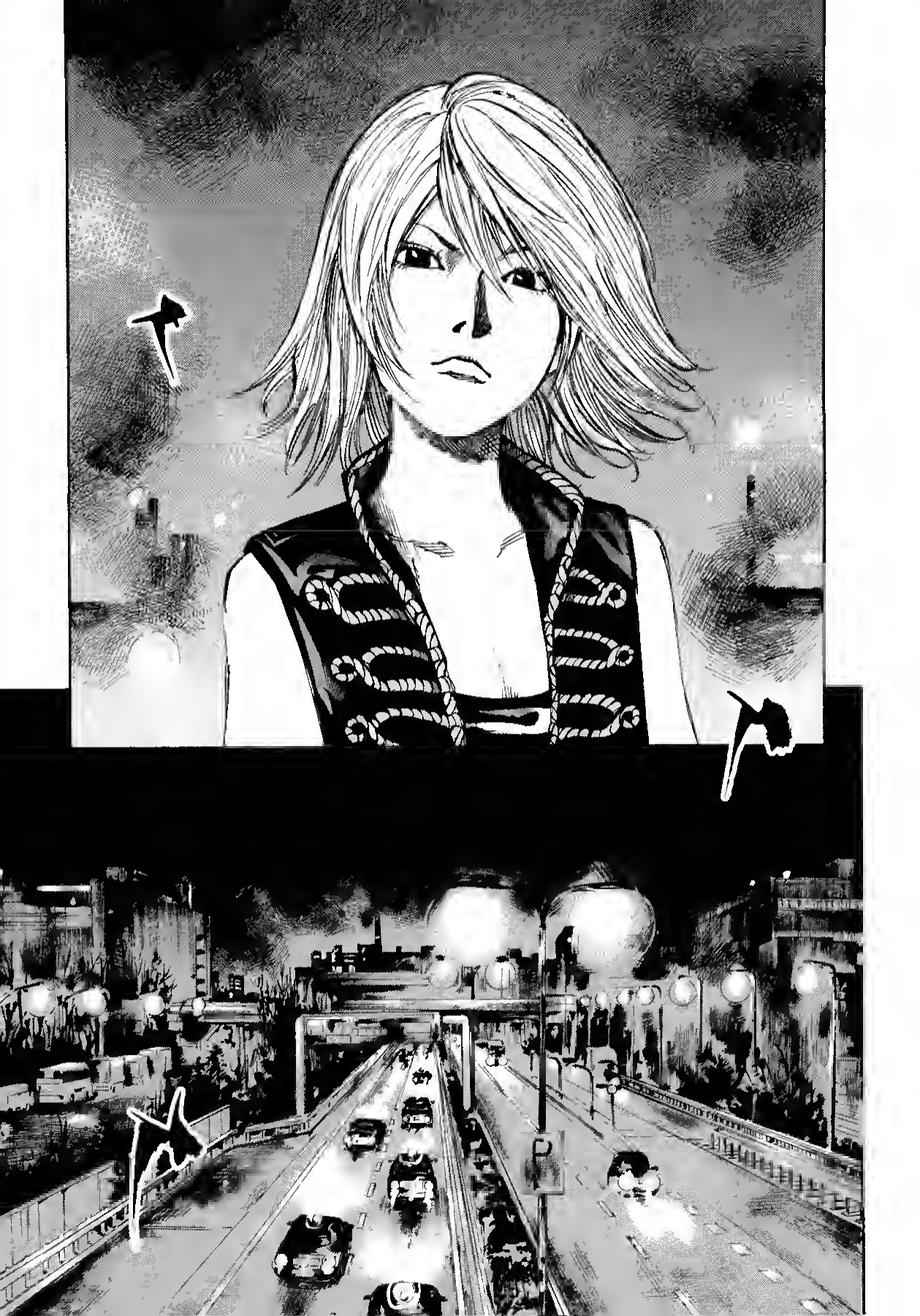
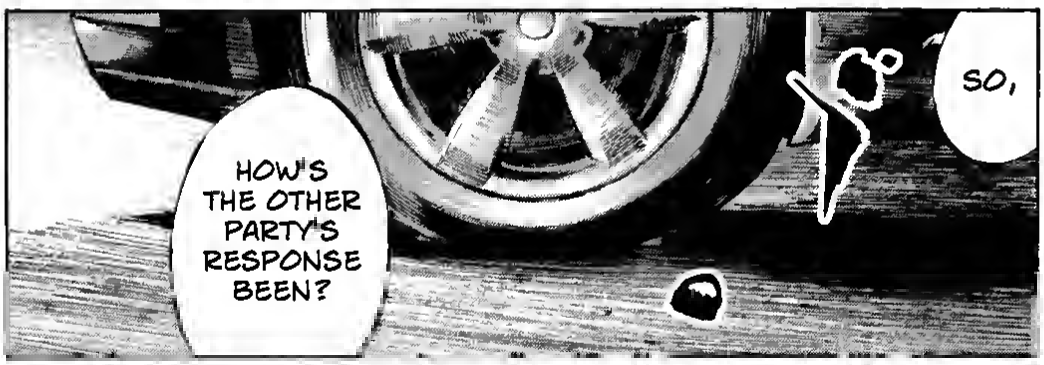
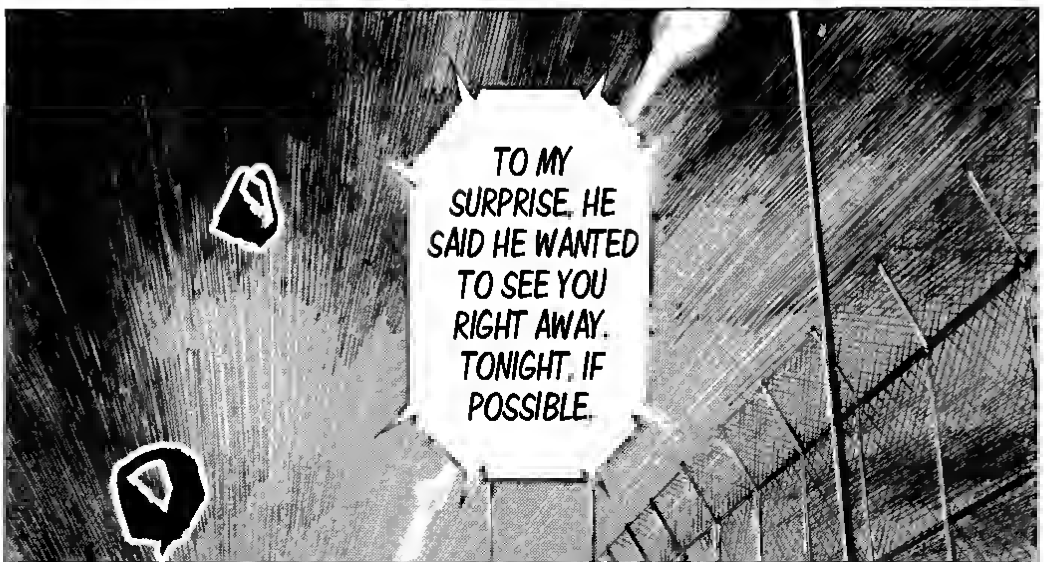


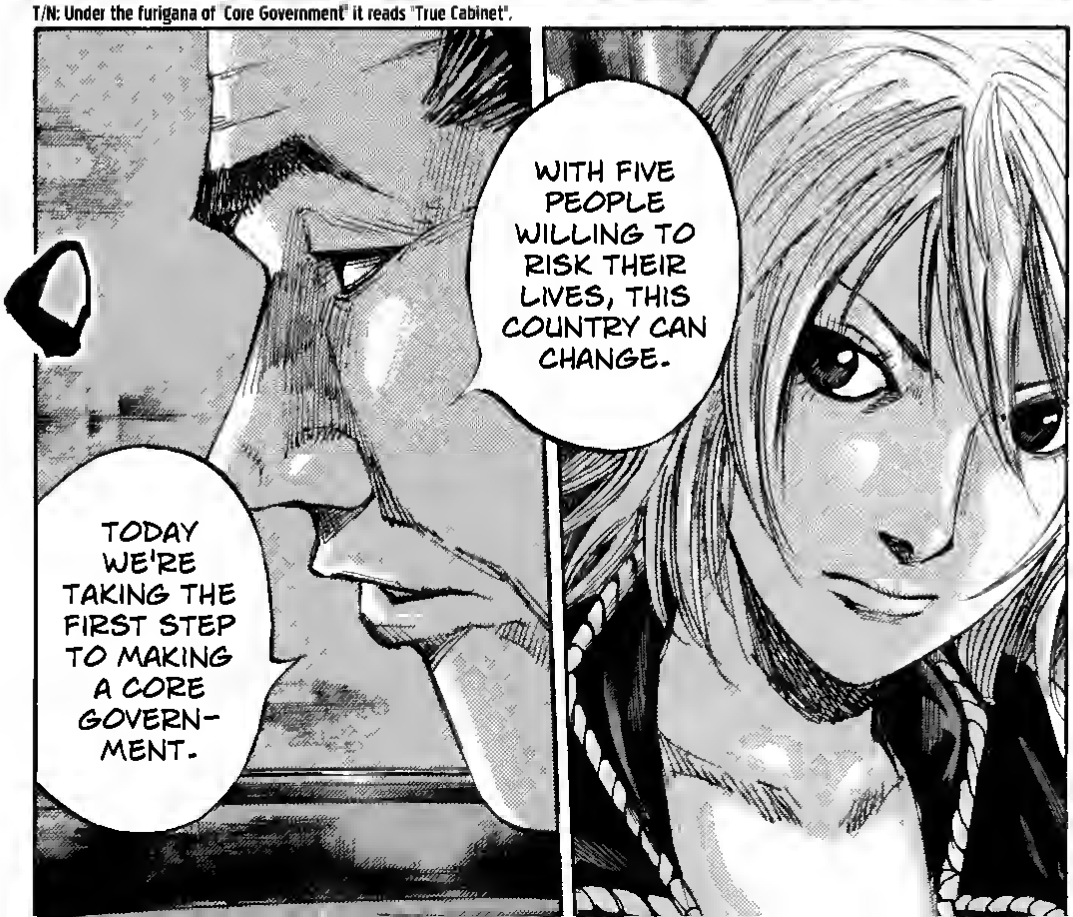
WELCOME BACK.
YES, I JUST LANDED.


SO,
HOW'S THE OTHER PARTY'S RESPONSE BEEN?

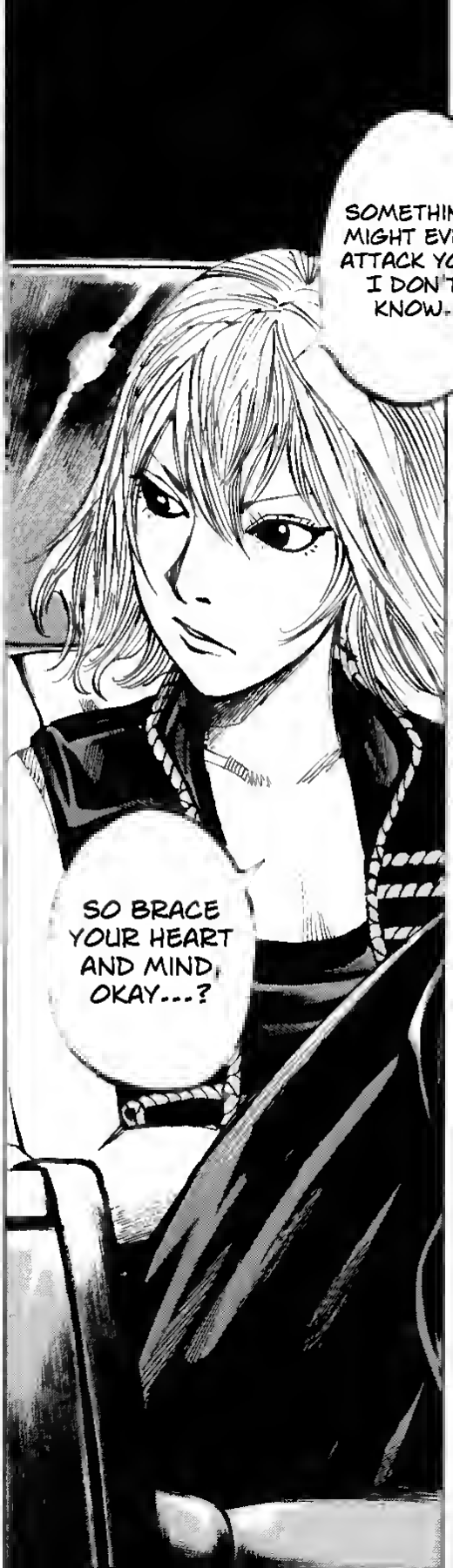

TO MY SURPRISE, HE SAID HE WANTED TO SEE YOU RIGHT AWAY. TONIGHT, IF POSSIBLE.

WHAT?
REALLY?
WITH THE OTHER PARTY ON BOARD, I'LL MAKE THE ARRANGE-MENTS.
OF COURSE.
I'LL LEAVE YOU TO IT.

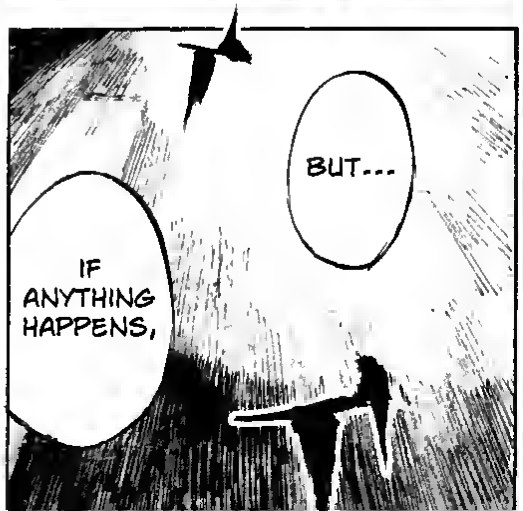
T/N: Under the furigana of "Core Government" it reads "True Cabinet".


WITH FIVE PEOPLE WILLING TO RISK THEIR LIVES, THIS COUNTRY CAN CHANGE.
TODAY WE'RE TAKING THE FIRST STEP TO MAKING A CORE GOVERN-MENT.

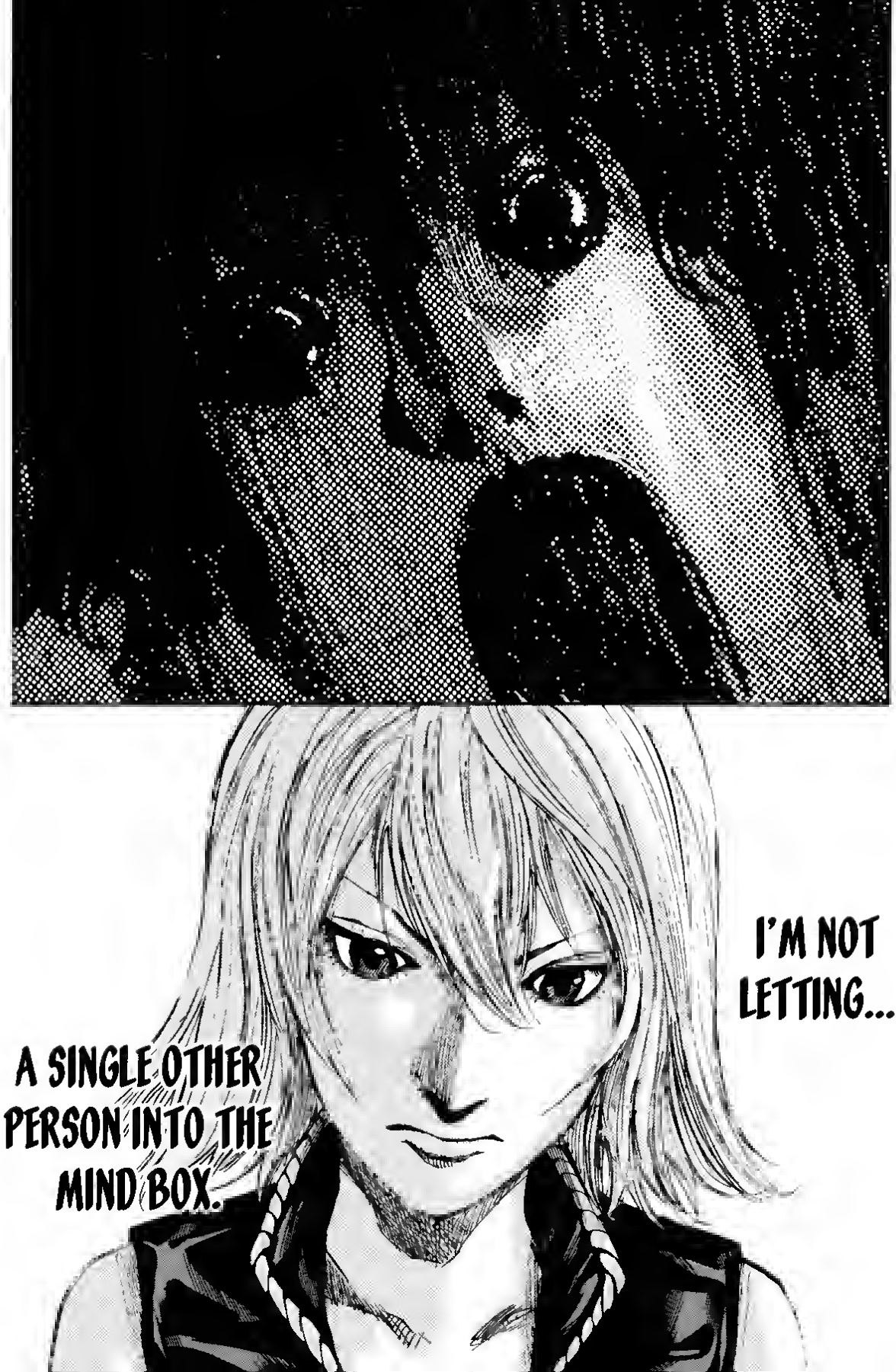
HM?
WHAT IS IT?
OLD MAN,
THERE'S SOMETHIN' I WANNA TELL YOU.
BE MORE CAREFUL THAN YOU HAVE BEEN.
IF YOU'RE DOIN' NEW THINGS, IT'S GONNA CARRY ALL THE MORE RISK.

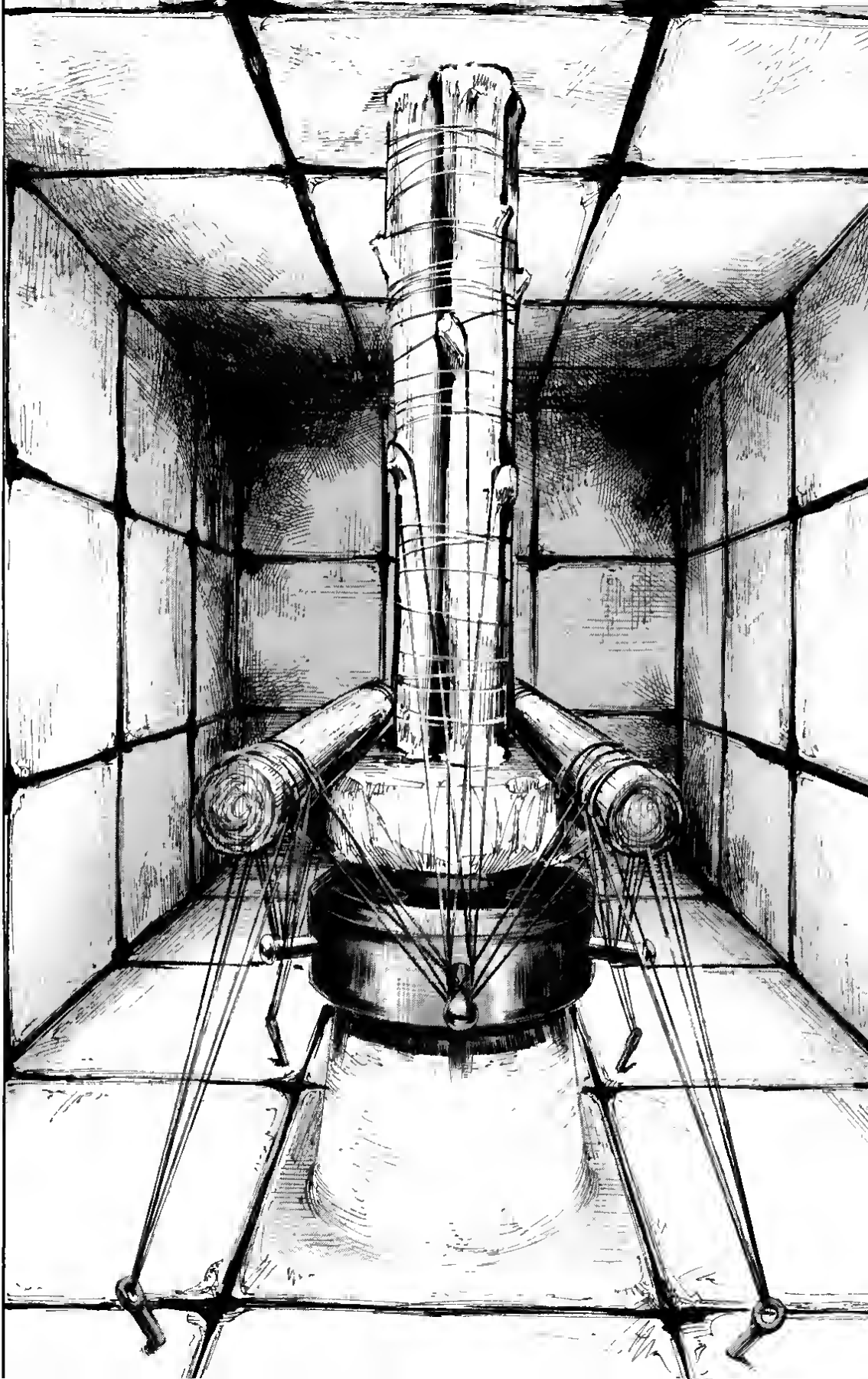

SOMETHING MIGHT EVEN ATTACK YOU. I DON'T KNOW.
SO BRACE YOUR HEART AND MIND, OKAY...?

YES, I UNDER-STAND.

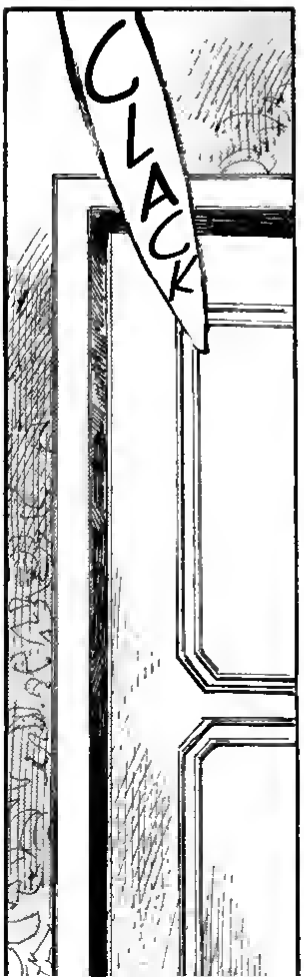

BUT...
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS,

I TRUST THAT YOU'LL GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT TO PROTECT ME.
YEAH.
GUESS SO.


I'M NOT LETTING...
A SINGLE OTHER PERSON INTO THE MIND BOX.



THERE'S NOTHING ELSE FOR TODAY.
COULD I TAKE OFF THEN?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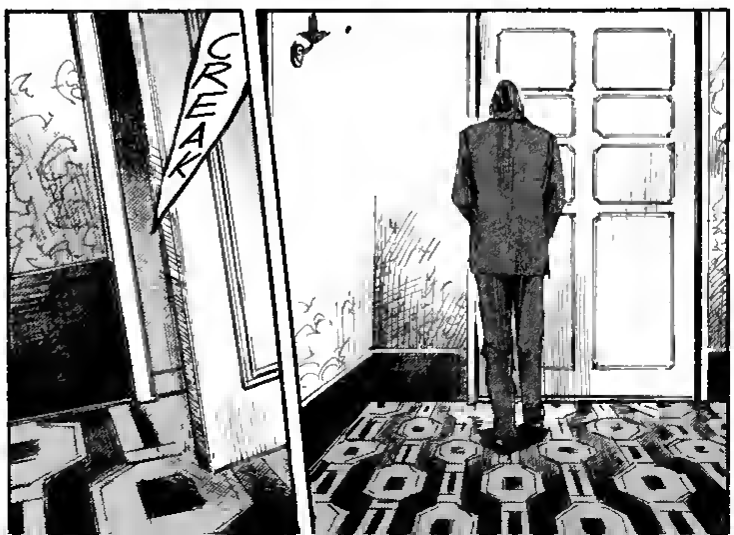
NO PROB-LEM.
YES. THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK.
THANKS, SEE YOU AGAIN TOMOR-ROW.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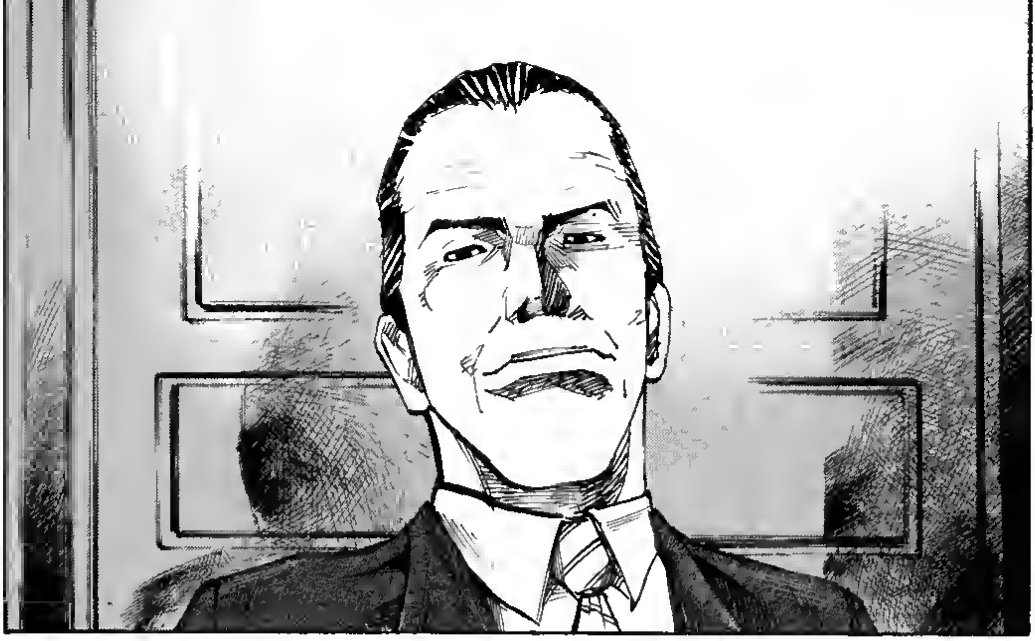
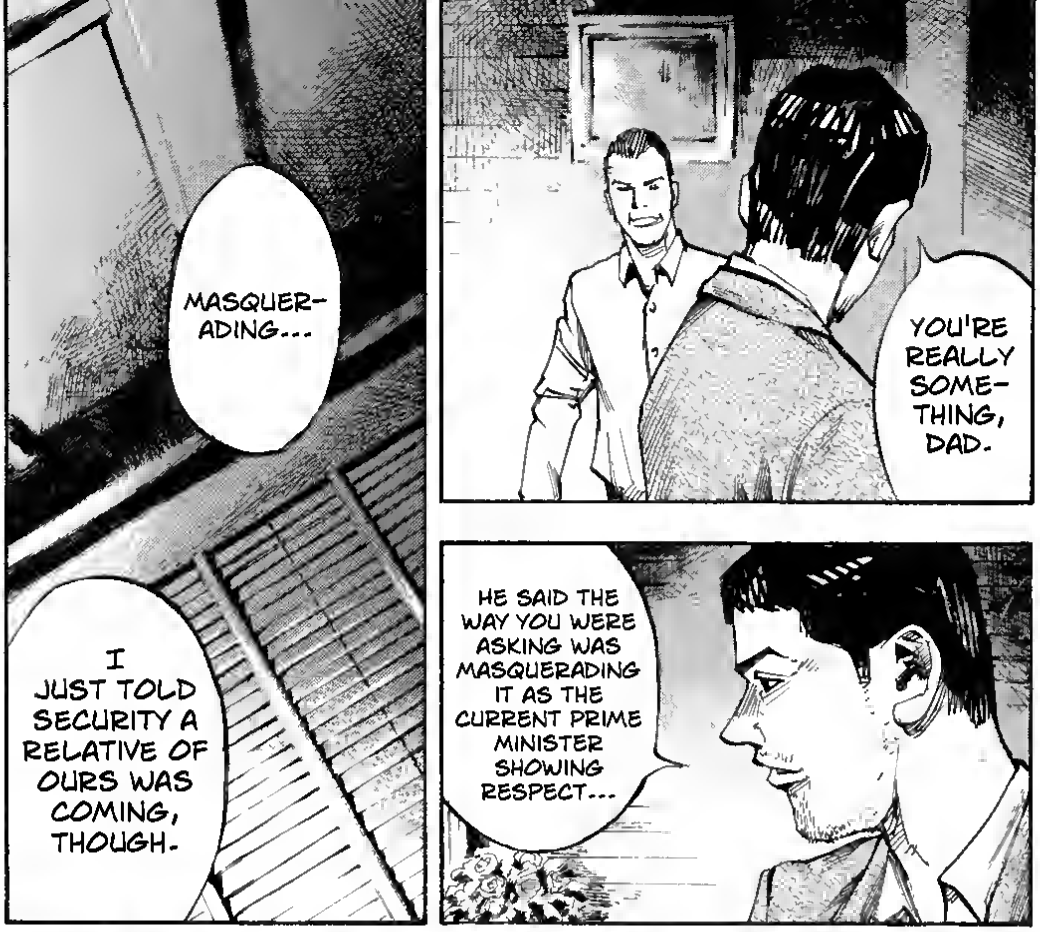
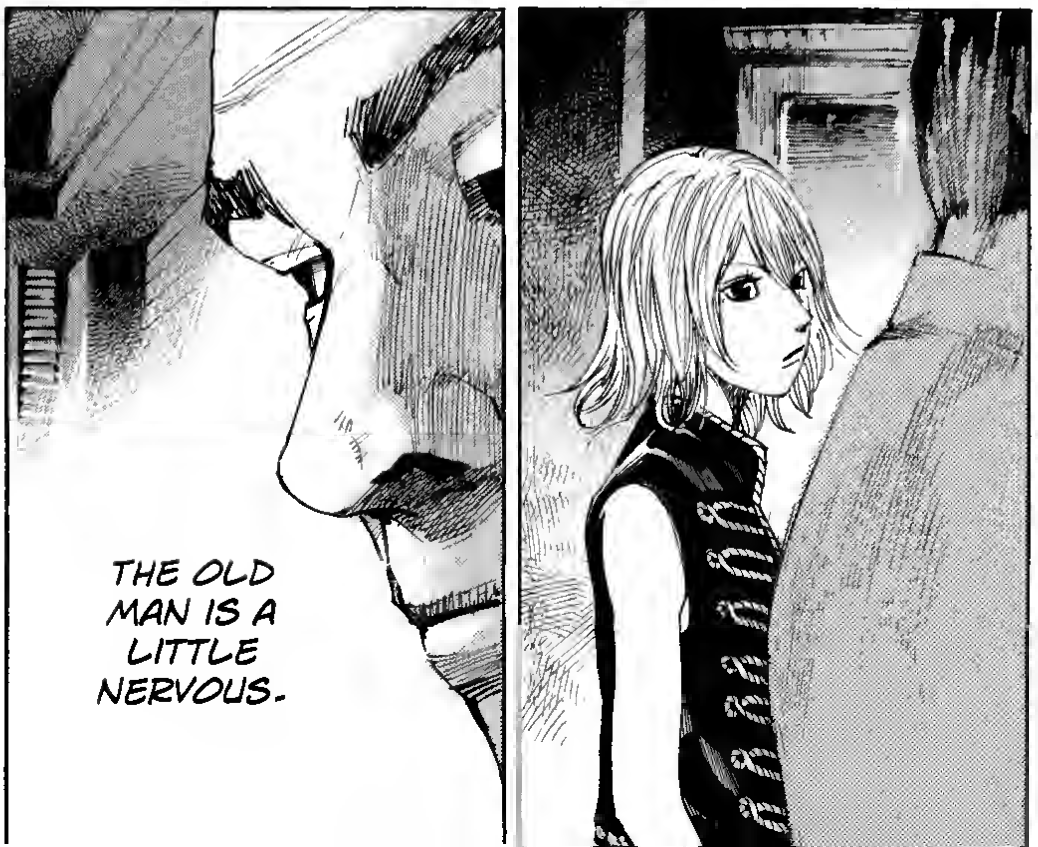


Kasuga Family Eldest Brother
Kasuga Hajime (35)

I KNOW YOU HAVE YOUR OWN JOB TO DO AND EVERY-THING, THANKS.
NO, NO, IT'S FINE.
BUT THIS MIGHT BE THE TIME I'VE HAD THIS KIND OF TALK WITH YOU, DAD.
THAT'S BECAUSE THIS IS A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN'T TRUST ANYONE BUT YOUR OWN FAMILY.
SO,
HOW DID THEY ARRANGE THIS?
HE SAID HE'S COMING HERE AT ONE O'CLOCK ...
... HUH?
COMING HERE?


MASQUER-
ADING...
I JUST TOLD SECURITY A RELATIVE OF OURS WAS COMING, THOUGH.
YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THING, DAD.
HE SAID THE WAY YOU WERE ASKING WAS MASQUERADING IT AS THE CURRENT PRIME MINISTER SHOWING RESPECT...


THE OLD MAN IS A LITTLE NERVOUS.

IF HE DOESN'T KEEP HIS COOL, GAPS CAN OPEN.
OLD MAN, WHO'S COMING?
THE POLITICIAN I RESPECT MORE THAN ANY OTHER.

IZUMI SHUN. THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER.

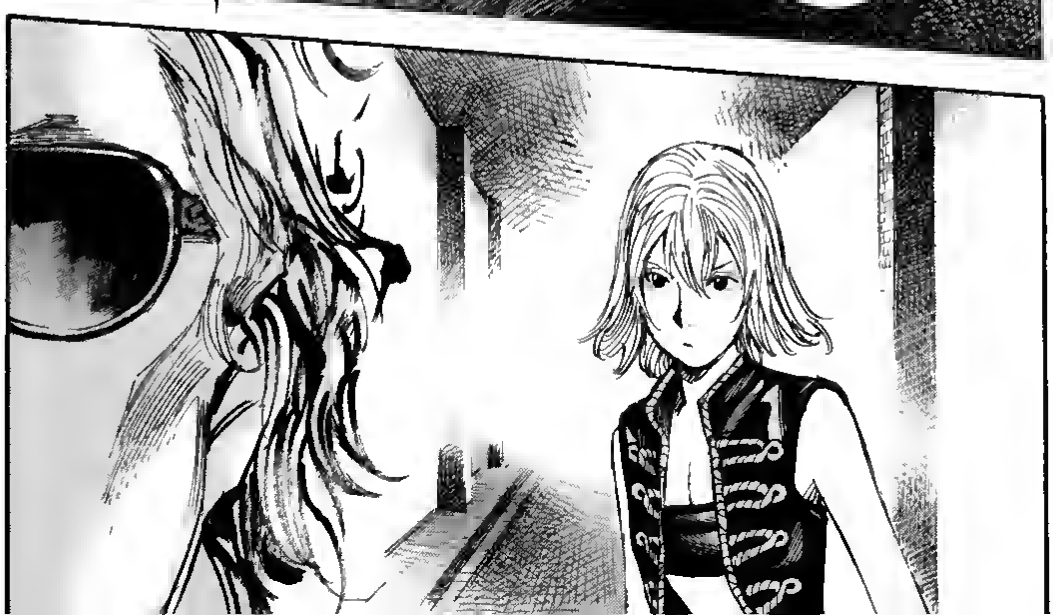
Life17 Prime Minister & Prime Minister

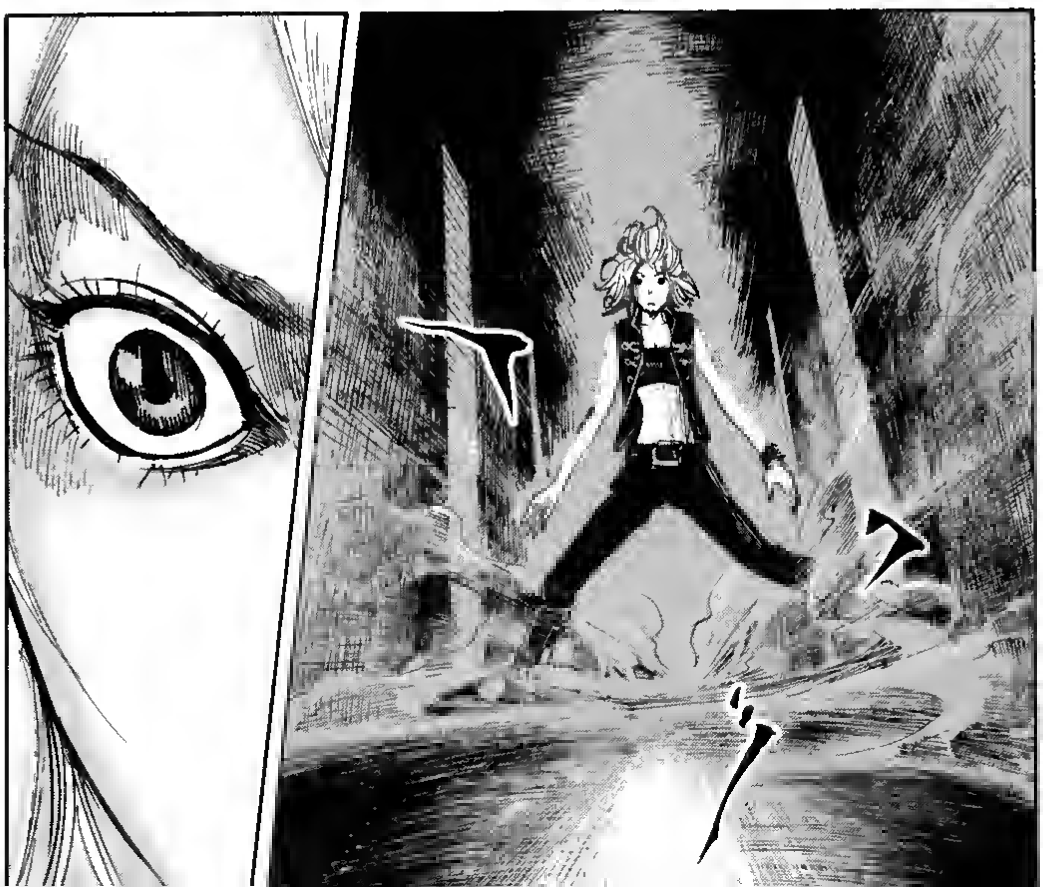
YO,
PRIME MINISTER!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR COMING.
UM,
I DIDN'T HEAR YOU WERE HAVING A LATE-NIGHT GUEST...
YEAH, BUT A FORMER PRIME MINISTER IS NO ONE TO BE SUSPICIOUS ABOUT.
WELL,
I DID DISGUISE MYSELF.
SO I MIGHT LOOK A LITTLE SUSPI-CIOUS.
FOR REAL!?
THIS GUY THINKS THAT MAKES HIM DISGUISED?

HERE, COME ON IN-
I LEFT JUST THE BEST AUDIO SETUP HERE- IS IT STILL AROUND?

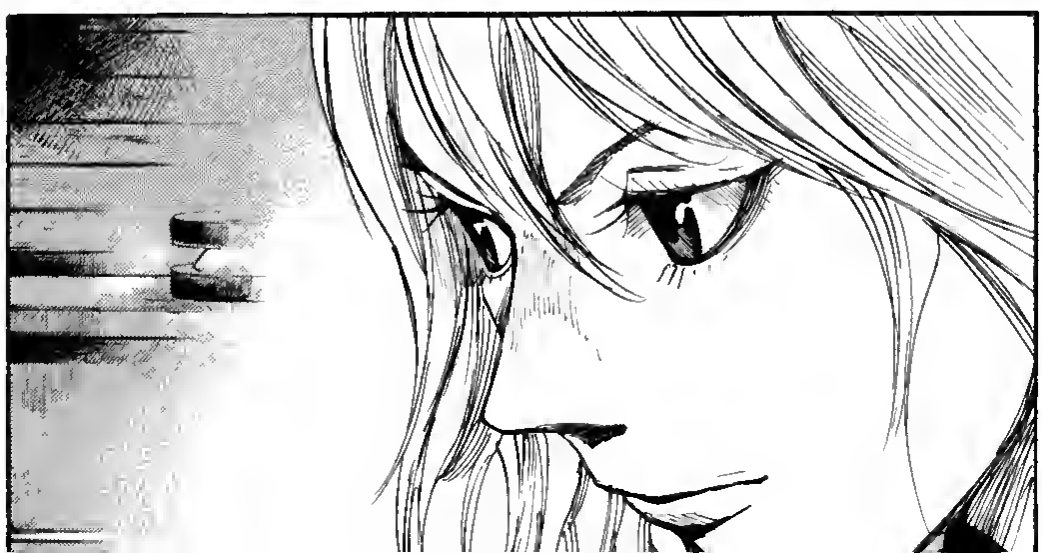
YES-
SO THAT WAS YOURS, IZUMI-SAN...?



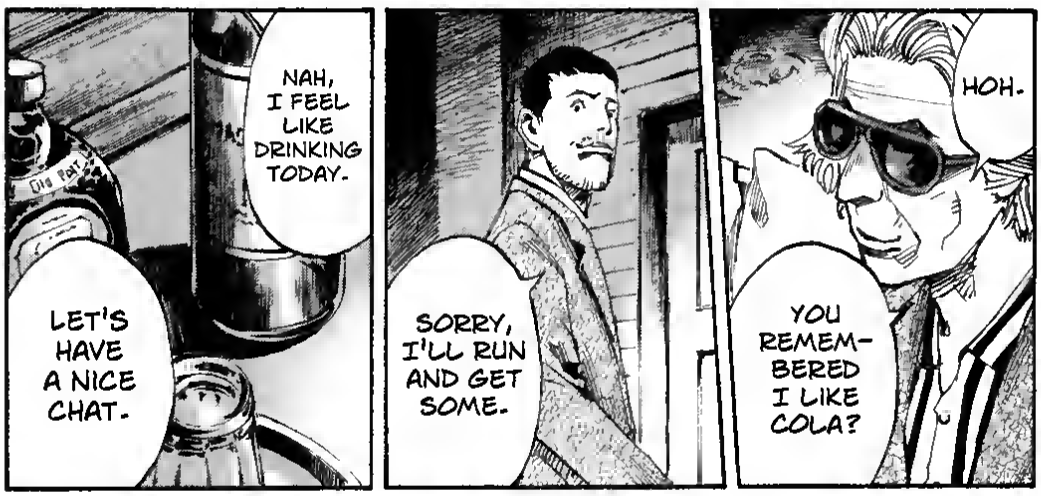


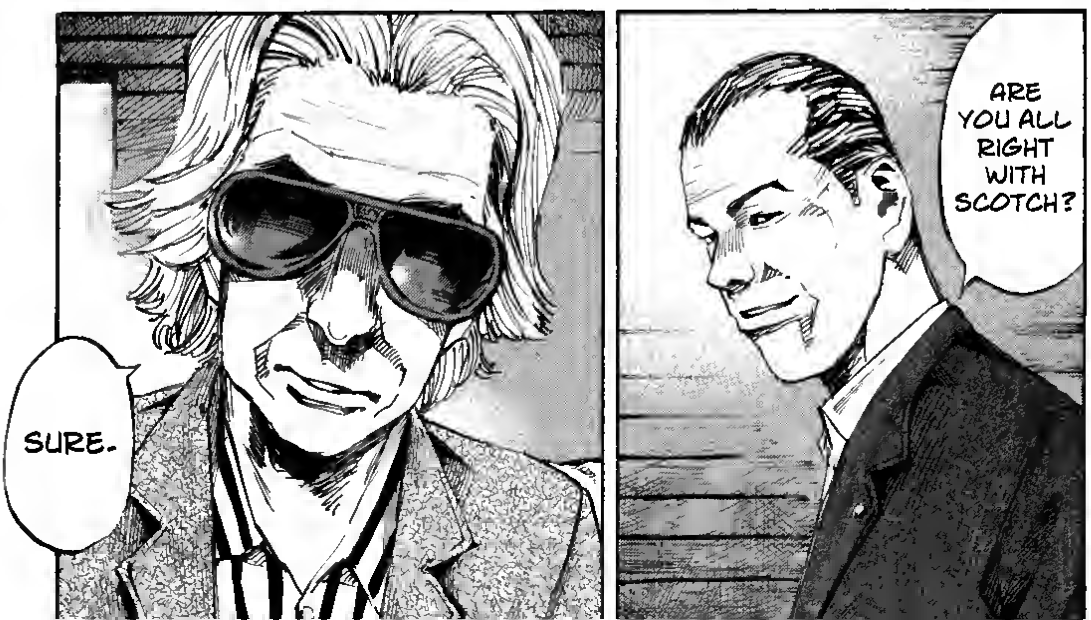
MAN, HE'S GOT AN INSANELY STRONG LOOKIN' GUARDIAN SPIRIT...

AIN'T JUST ANYBODY!
THIS GUY



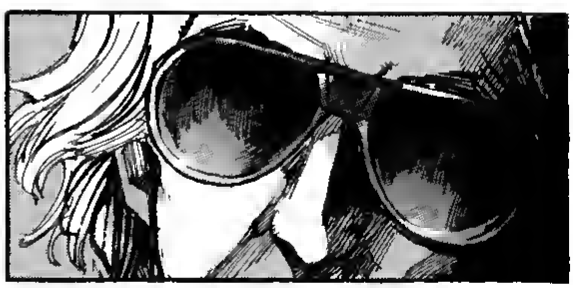
AH, YOU'RE A COLA FAN, RIGHT, IZUMI-SAN?
SORRY, WE HAVEN'T PREPARED ANYBODY.

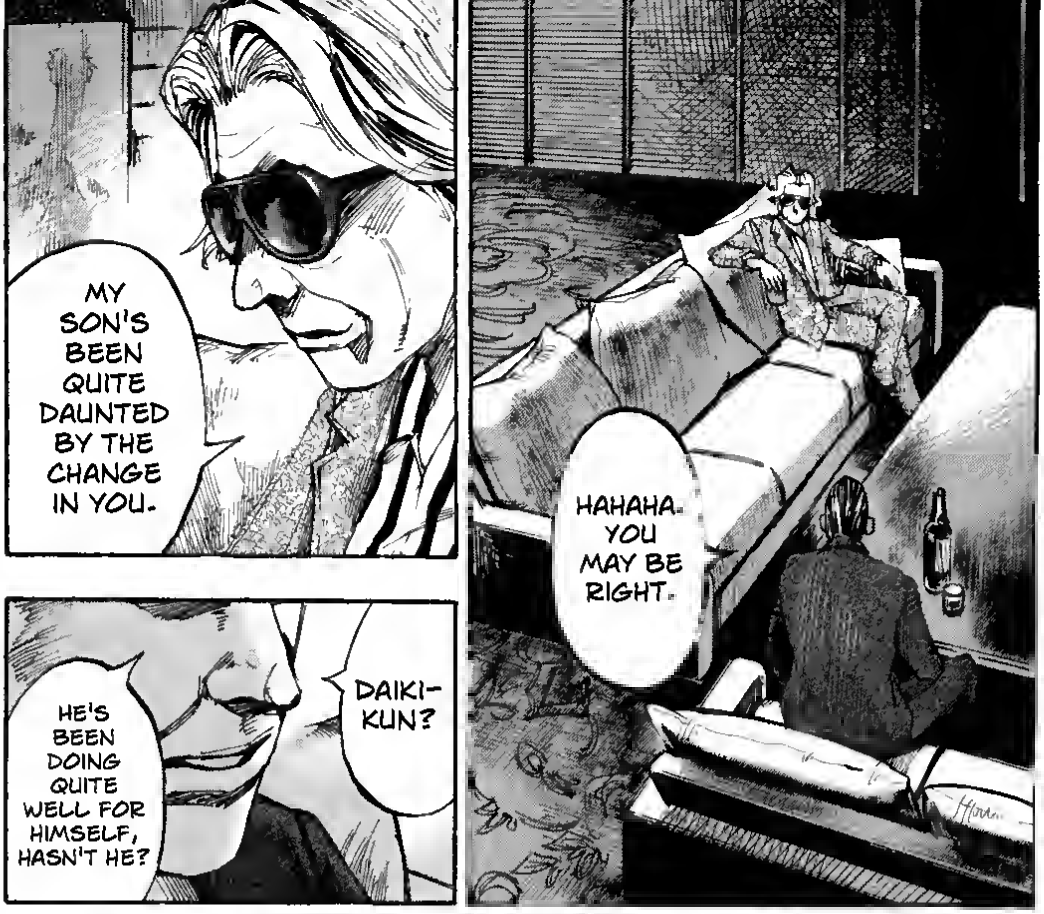

NAH, I FEEL LIKE DRINKING TODAY.
LET'S HAVE A NICE CHAT.
SORRY, I'LL RUN AND GET SOME.
HOH.
YOU REMEM-BERED I LIKE COLA?


SURE.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT WITH SCOTCH?

HERE YOU ARE.
SENPAI-

IF IT WERE THE OLD YOU, YOU'D RUN OUT AND BUY COLA.
BE-COMING PRIME MINISTER HAS MADE YOU PRETTY BOLD...




MY SON'S BEEN QUITE DAUNTED BY THE CHANGE IN YOU.
HAHAHA. YOU MAY BE RIGHT.
DAIKI-KUN?
HE'S BEEN DOING QUITE WELL FOR HIMSELF, HASN'T HE?

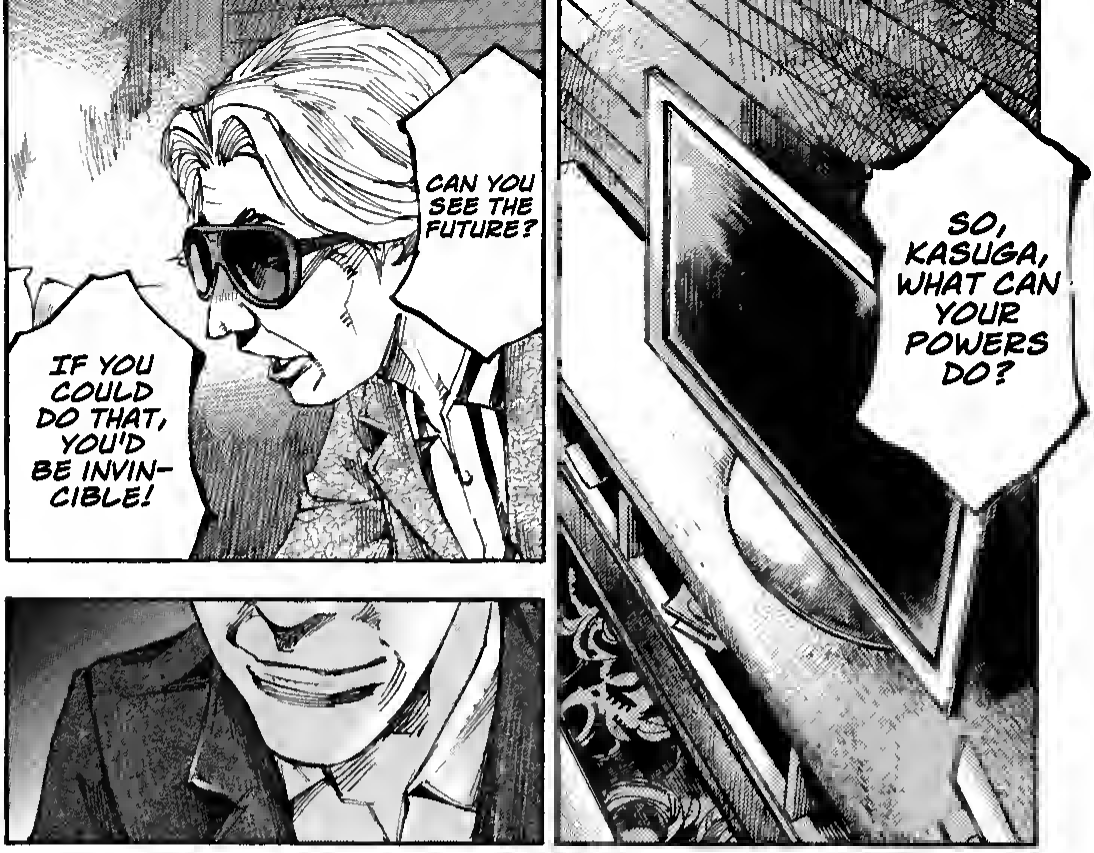
KASU-GA...
YOU GAINED SOMETHING AFTER YOU COLLAPSED, DIDN'T YOU?
YES...

I WAS ENDOWED WITH PSYCHIC POWERS-

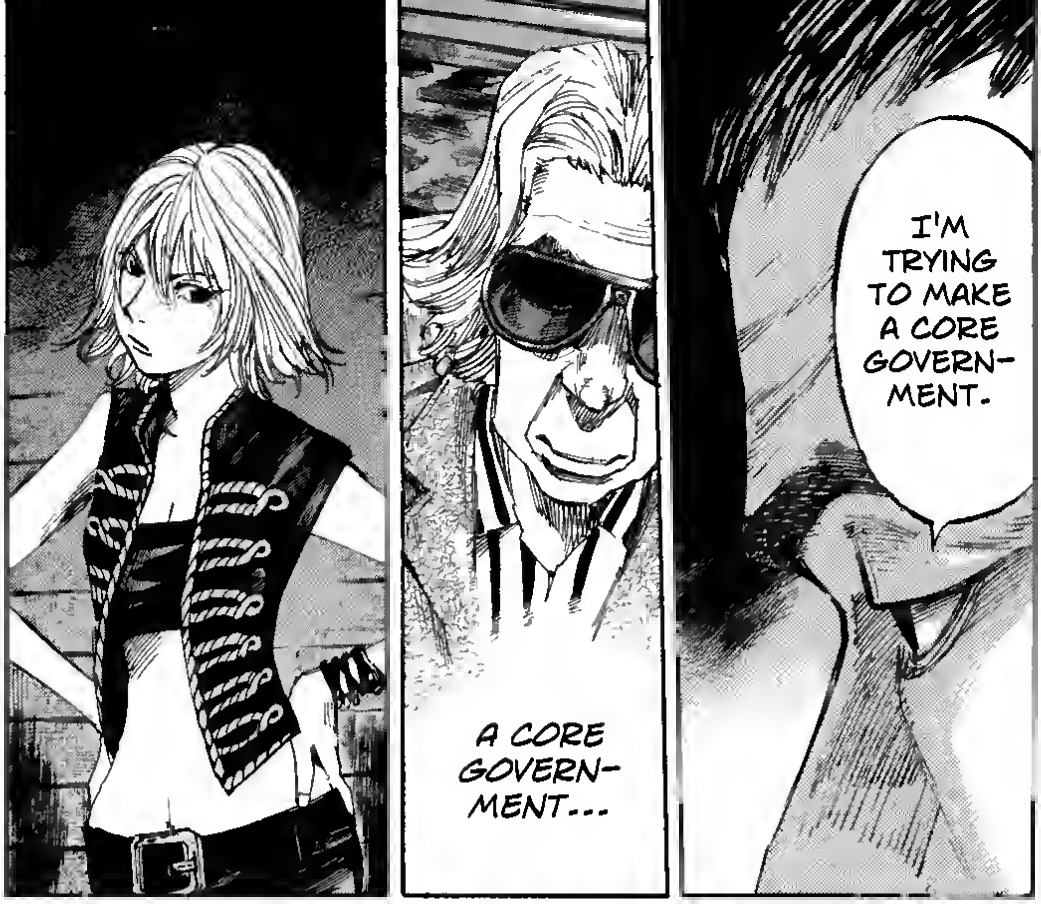
OOOH!
GEEZ, THAT'S AMAZ-ING!!!

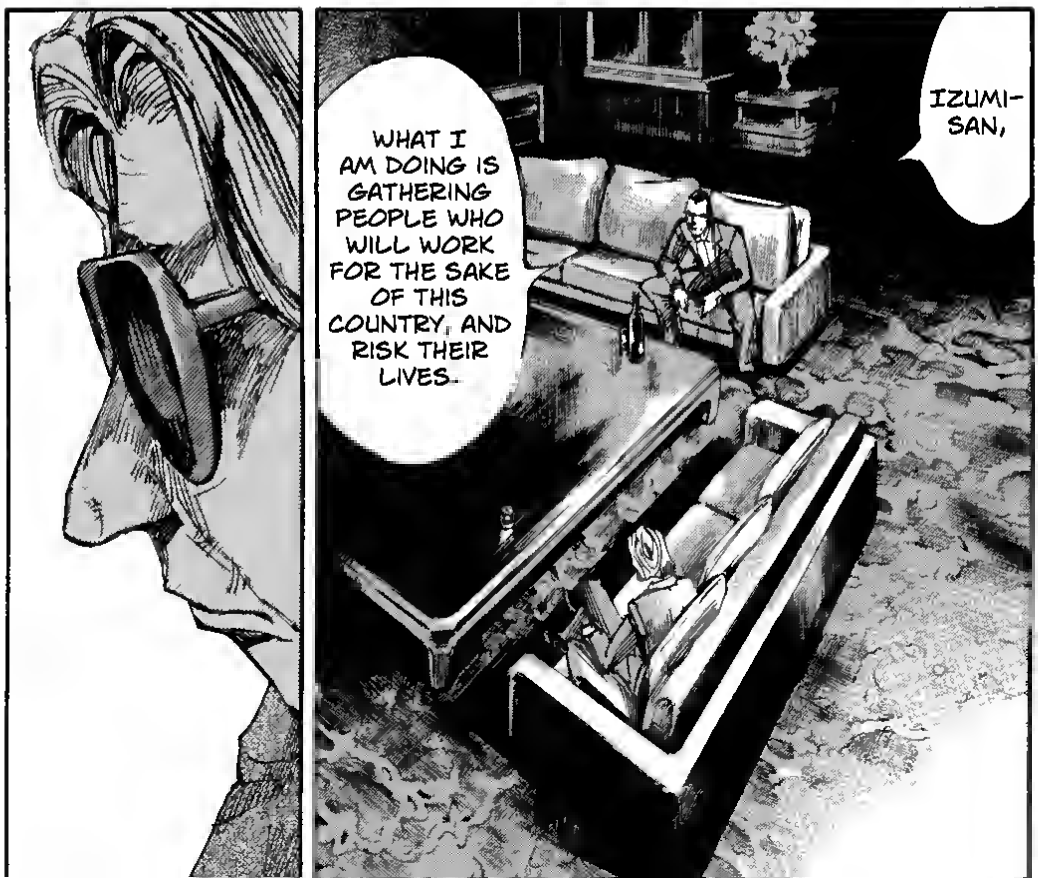
TO BE HONEST, WHEN I WAS PRIME MINISTER, I FELT LIKE I HAD POWERS LIKE THAT, TOO!
...PSYCHIC POWERS, HUH?

"GO DOWN MY PA~~TH" HE'D YELL.
WHEN TIMES CAME WHERE I HAD TO MAKE DECISIONS, THIS WARLORD LOOKIN' GUY AP-PEARED IN MY DREAMS.


SO, KASUGA, WHAT CAN YOUR POWERS DO?
CAN YOU SEE THE FUTURE?
IF YOU COULD DO THAT, YOU'D BE INVINCIBLE!

I NEED TO TELL YOU WHY I WANTED TO MEET WITH YOU TODAY.
THE TRUTH IS,
BEHIND THE PRESENT CABINET ...

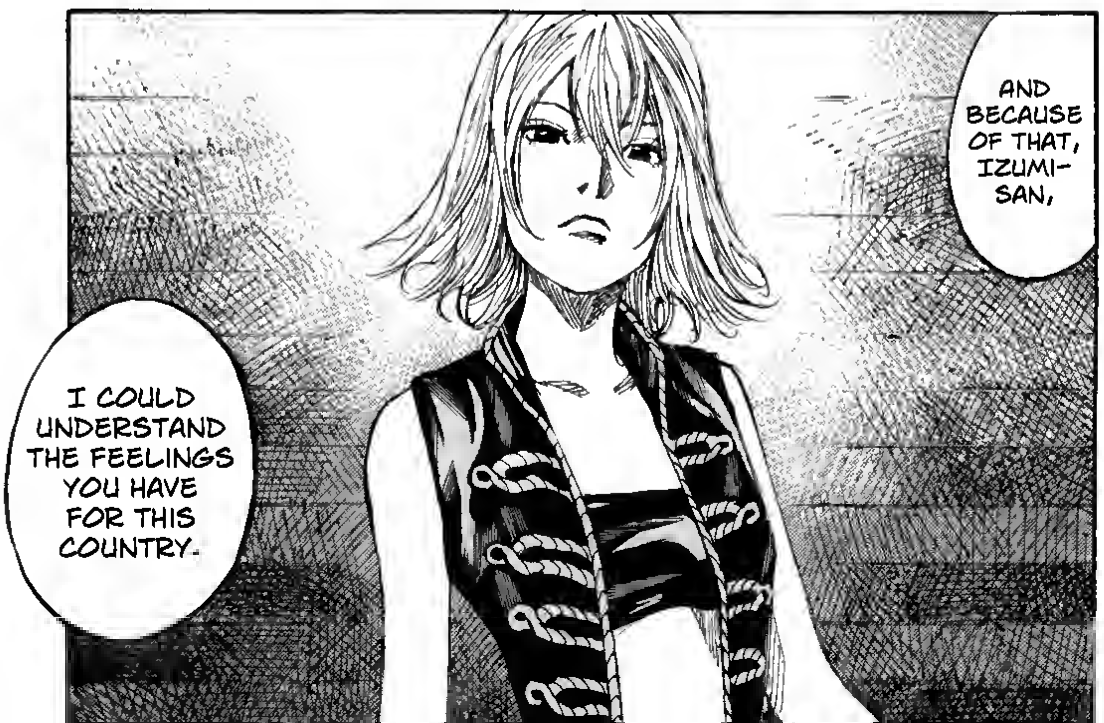

I'M TRYING TO MAKE A CORE GOVERN-MENT.
A CORE GOVERN-MENT...


IZUMI-SAN,
WHAT I AM DOING IS GATHERING PEOPLE WHO WILL WORK FOR THE SAKE OF THIS COUNTRY, AND RISK THEIR LIVES.

AND I'D LIKE
YOU IN THIS CABINET, AS WELL-

SOUNDS INTER-ESTING, BUT
WHAT IS THE POWER YOU CAN USE?

NO WAY,
FOR REAL!?
WHEN I TOUCH PEOPLE'S BODIES, I CAN READ THEIR MINDS.


AND BECAUSE OF THAT, IZUMI-SAN,
I COULD UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS YOU HAVE FOR THIS COUNTRY.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE IT A TRY...?
I'M
SERIOUS...

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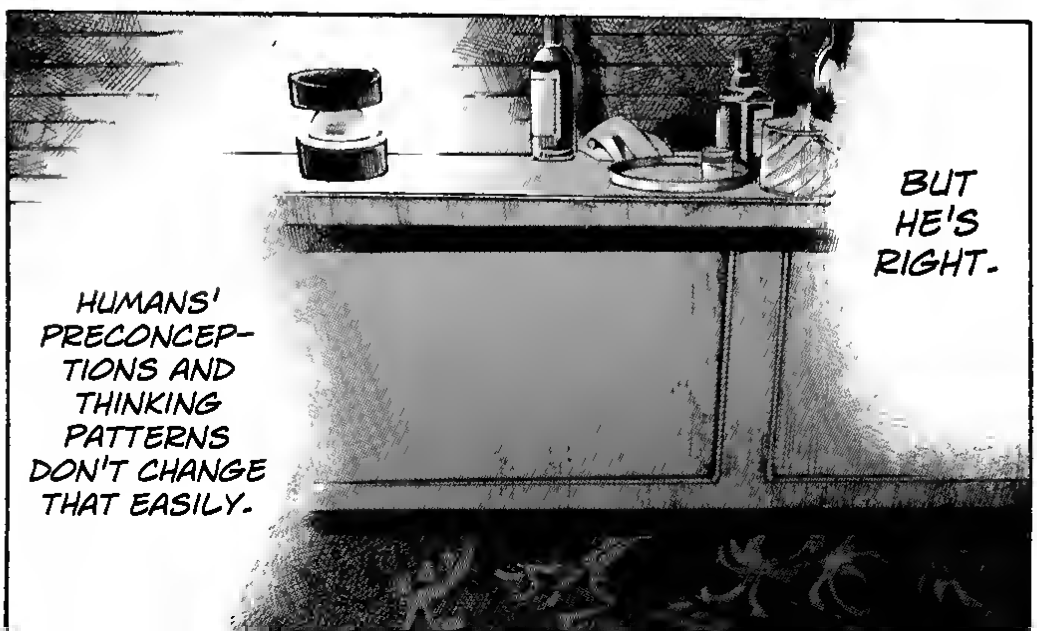
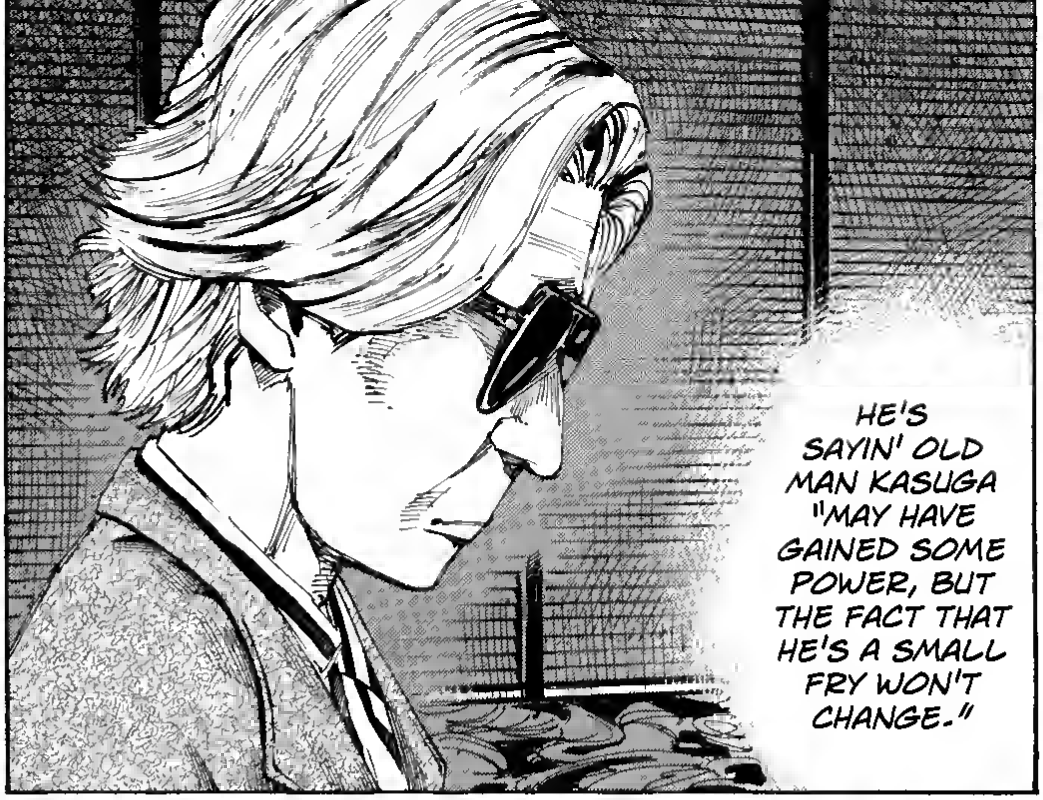
A message from the Izumi Family

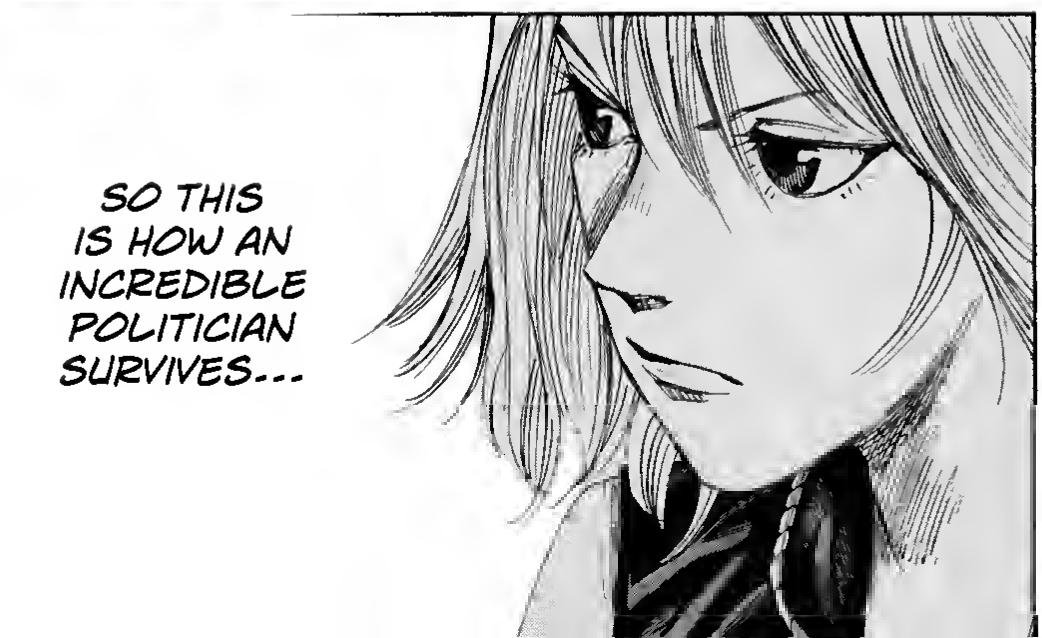
BEING INVITED BY THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, AND IN PERSON.
BUT YOU KNOW, KASUGA,
THERE'S ONE GREAT AXIOM I'VE COME TO BELIEVE FROM THE LIFE I'VE LIVED IN THE WORLD OF POLITICS.
THAT AT THE ROOT OF THEIR CHOICES, A POOR HUMAN NEVER CHANGES.

BUT KASUGA, A MAN'S TRUE NATURE DOESN'T CHANGE, DOES IT?
YOU MAY HAVE GAINED CONFIDENCE FROM THOSE INTERESTING PSYCHIC POWERS YOU GOT AHOLD OF,
BASI-CALLY,
AT YOUR FOUNDA-TION,
YOU'RE JUST A YESMAN THAT WANTS BALANCE...

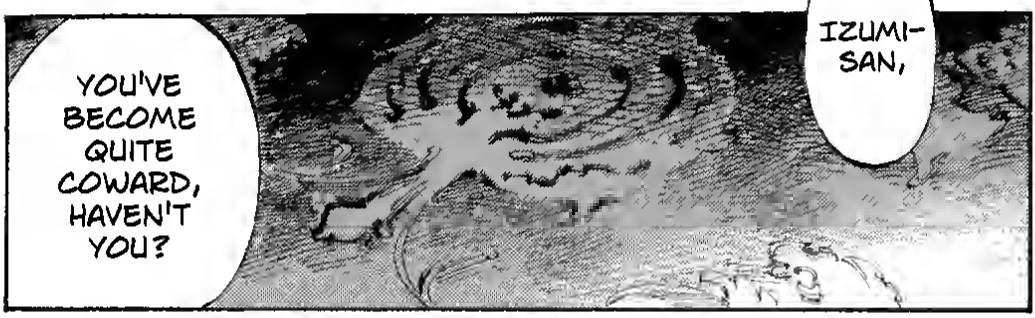
BECAUSE THE MOMENT HE DOES, LEADERSHIP WILL BE TAKEN FROM HIM.
THIS OLD MAN CAN'T BUY INTO THE ABILITIES OF THE MAN HE'S TALKING TO THAT EASILY.

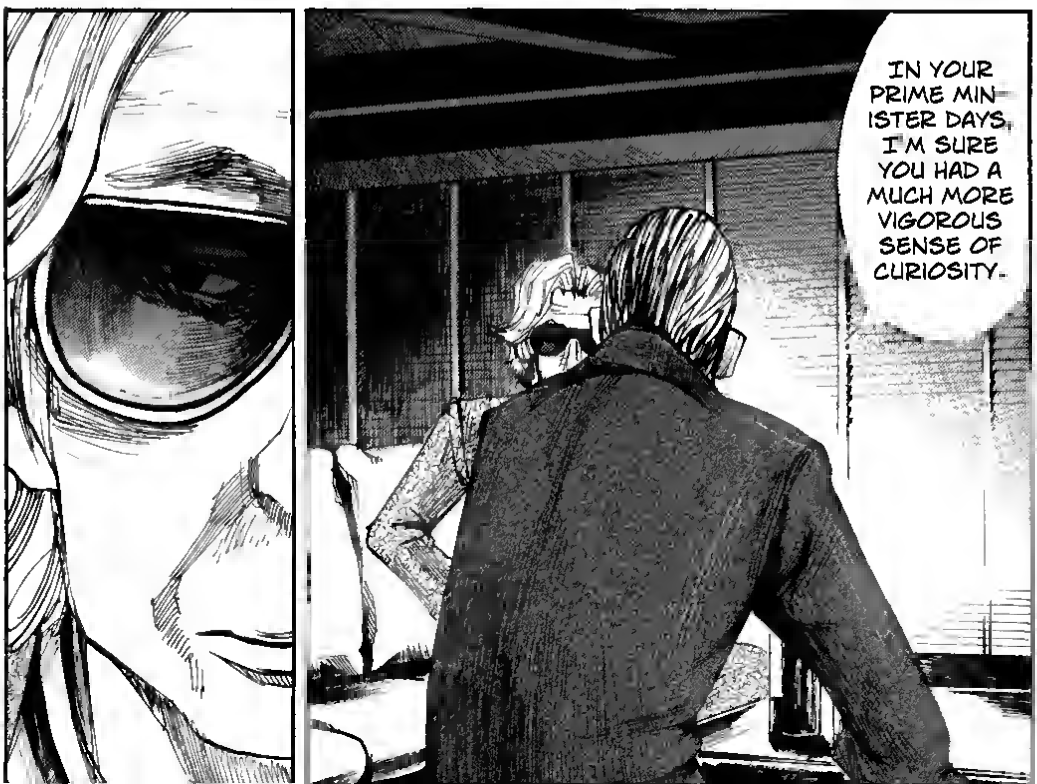

BUT HE'S RIGHT.
HUMANS' PRECONCEP-TIONS AND THINKING PATTERNS DON'T CHANGE THAT EASILY.


HE'S SAYIN' OLD MAN KASUGA "MAY HAVE GAINED SOME POWER, BUT THE FACT THAT HE'S A SMALL FRY WON'T CHANGE."

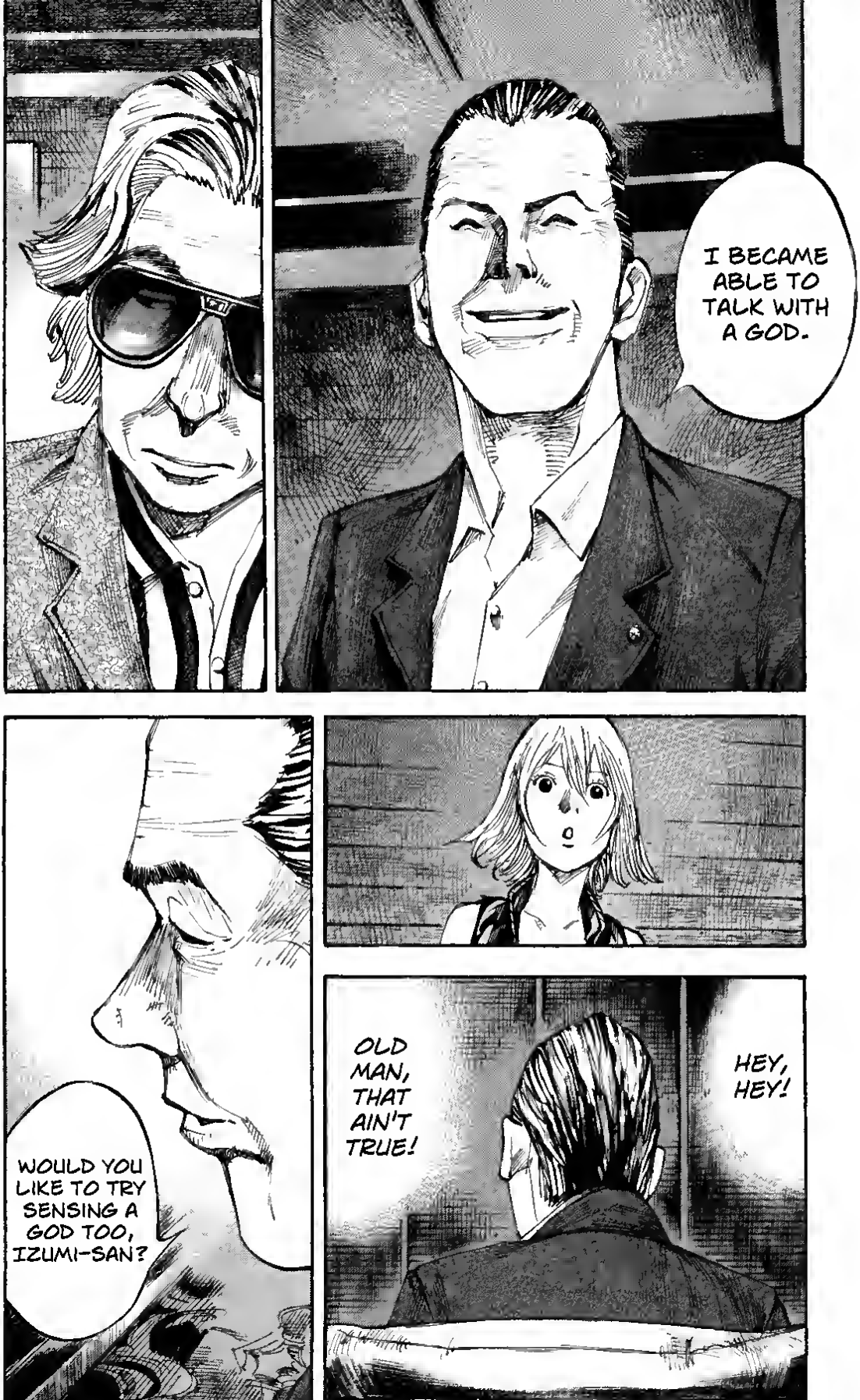

SO THIS IS HOW AN INCREDIBLE POLITICIAN SURVIVES...

DON'T LET HIM BEAT YOU, OLD MAN.
GO FOR IT.

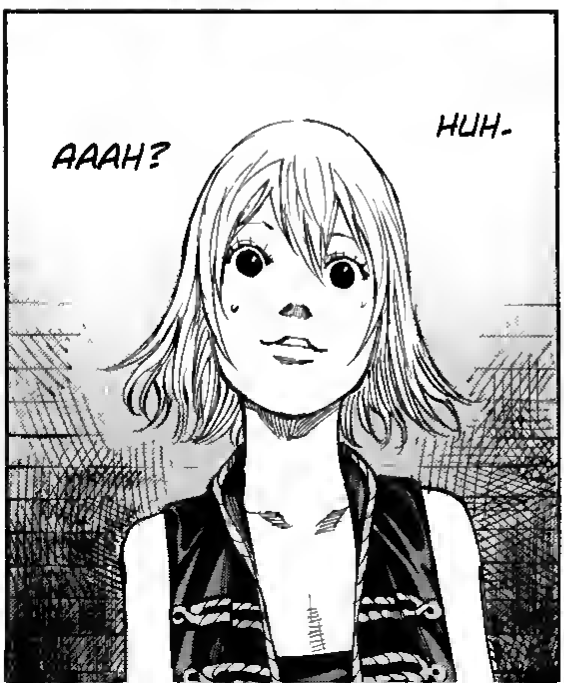

IZUMI-SAN,
YOU'VE BECOME QUITE COWARD, HAVEN'T YOU?


IN YOUR PRIME MINISTER DAYS, I'M SURE YOU HAD A MUCH MORE VIGOROUS SENSE OF CURIOSITY.

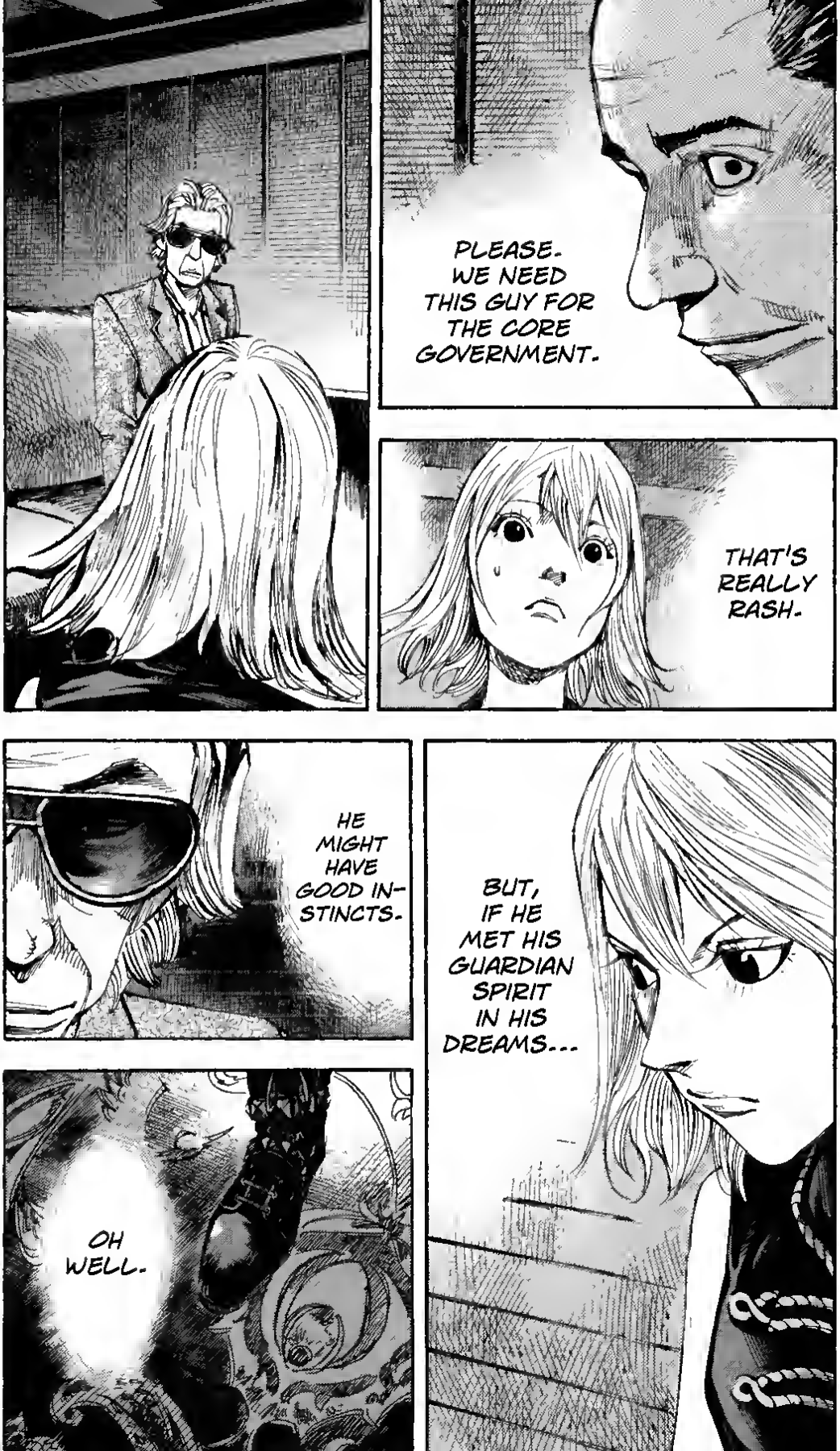
IF WE SHIFT OUR VIEWPOINT, WE CAN COME TO SEE THINGS THAT WE COULD NOT BEFORE.
IT'S TRUE THAT THE FORMER KASUGA SOUICHIROU USED TO BE A YESMAN THAT JUST WENT FOR BALANCE.
BUT HUMANS CAN CHANGE.
IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU FIRST THINK ABOUT BUYING A CAR, SUDDENLY COMMERCIALS AND PRICES START TO MEAN SOMETHING.
C'MON, KEEP IT UP!
YEAH!
WHEN THIS SORT OF CHANNEL OPENED FOR ME,


I BECAME ABLE TO TALK WITH A GOD.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY SENSING A GOD TOO, IZUMI-SAN?
OLD MAN, THAT AIN'T TRUE!
HEY, HEY!

HOH.
SOUNDS INTER-ESTING.
LET'S GIVE IT A SHOT...


AAAH?
HUH.

RIYON... PLEASE DO SOMETHING FOR ME.


PLEASE. WE NEED THIS GUY FOR THE CORE GOVERNMENT.
THAT'S REALLY RASH.
HE MIGHT HAVE GOOD IN-STINCTS.
BUT, IF HE MET HIS GUARDIAN SPIRIT IN HIS DREAMS...
OH WELL.

TELL HIM TO CLOSE HIS EYES AND CONCENTRATE ON HIS STOMACH.
CLOSE YOUR EYES AND FOCUS YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS ON YOUR NAVEL.
AND SLOWLY
BREATHE IN
AND BREATHE OUT...
SLOWLY...
SLOWLY...

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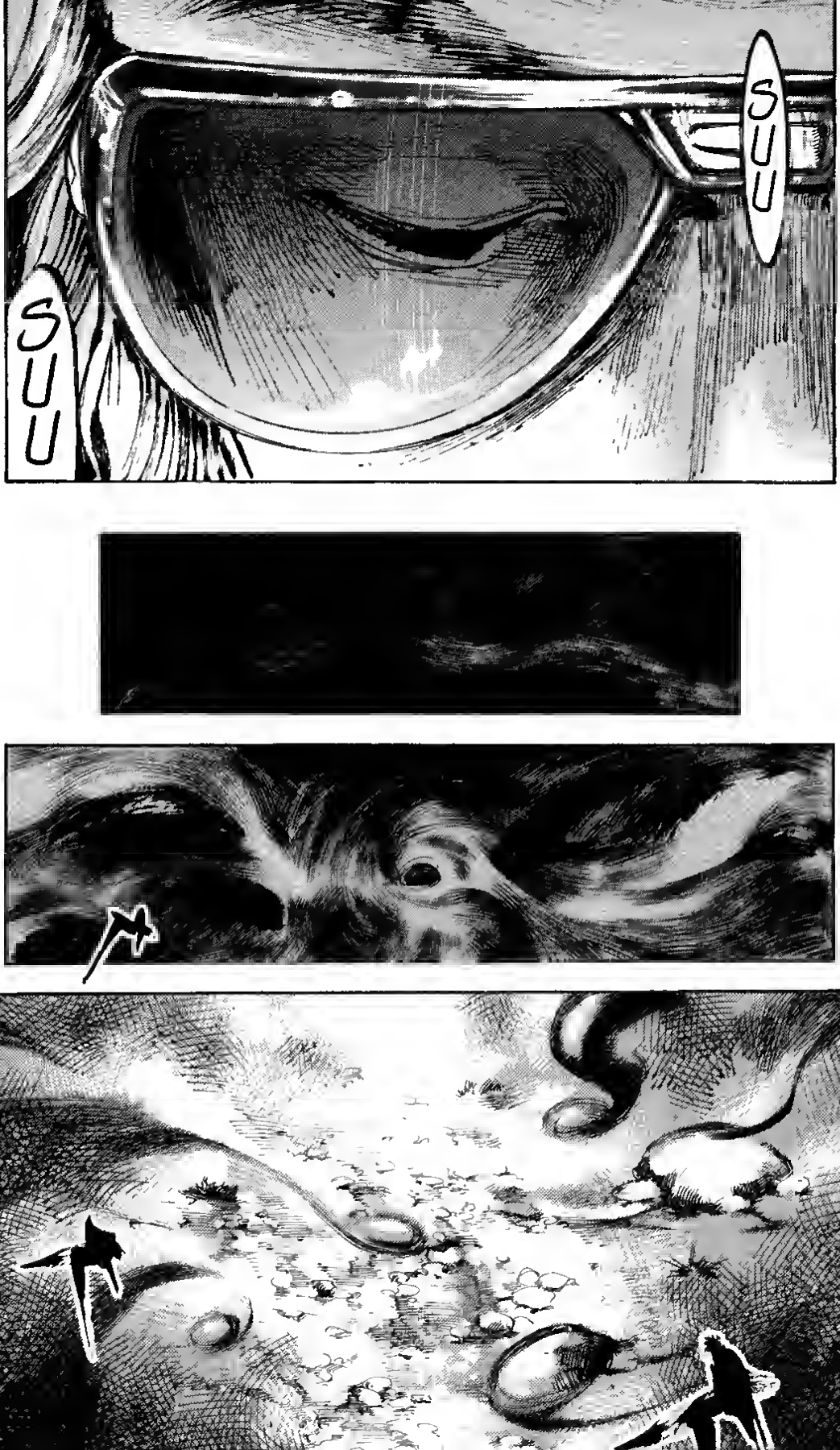
HAA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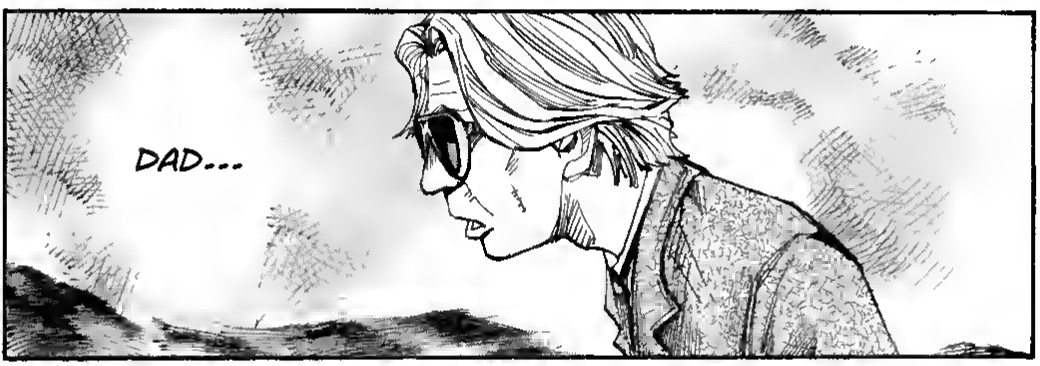
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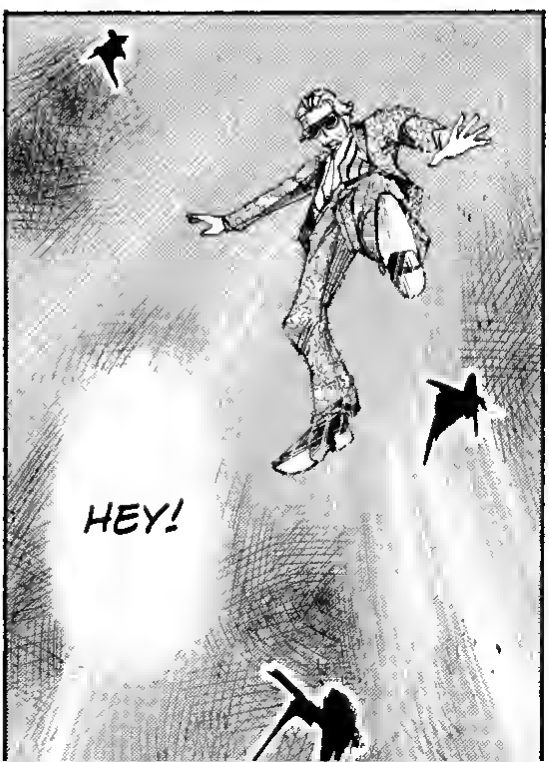
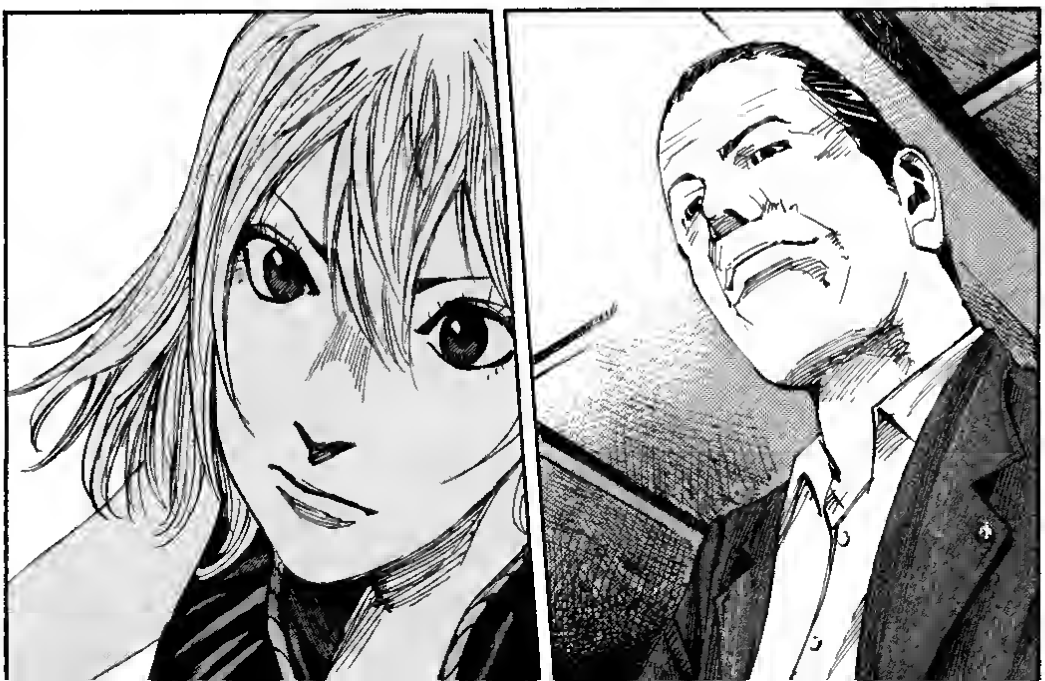
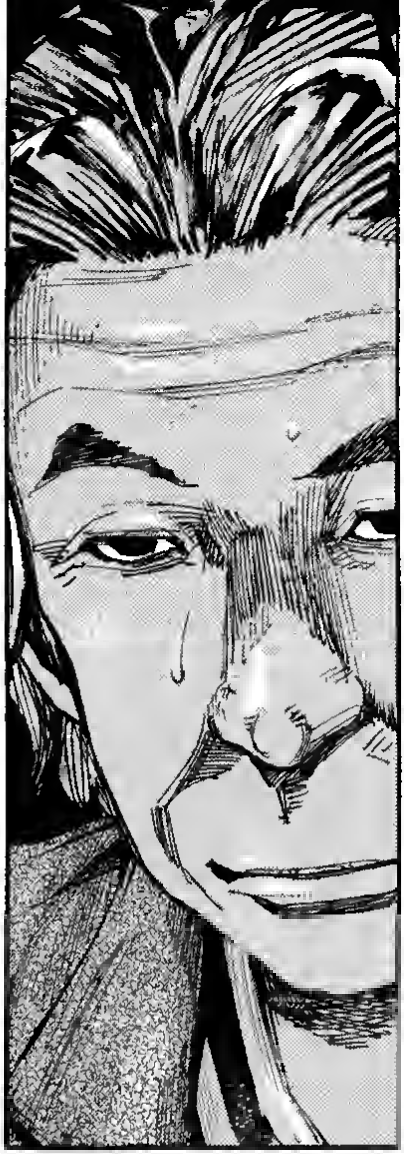

HEY!

WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
AND MOM...



MY MOM AND DAD...
THE IZUMI FAMILY WAS CRYING.
CRYING?
SO YOU MET YOUR ANCES-TORS?



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WHAT
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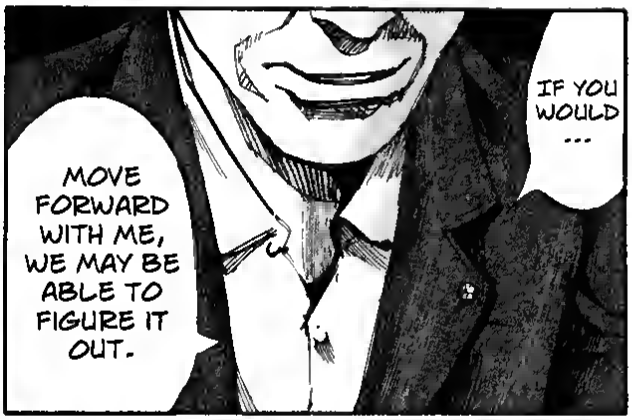
THAT?
I CAN'T
EXPLAIN
IT MY-
SELF.


IF YOU
WOULD
...
MOVE
FORWARD
WITH ME,
WE MAY BE
ABLE TO
FIGURE IT
OUT.

THIS
COUNTRY
HAS TWO
PRIME
MINIS-
TERS...
IF THIS
GETS OUT,
WILL THE
PUBLIC
ALLOW
IT...?

WHY WERE IZUMI'S ANCESTORS CRYING?

WHAT MESSAGE WERE THEY TRYING TO SEND...?
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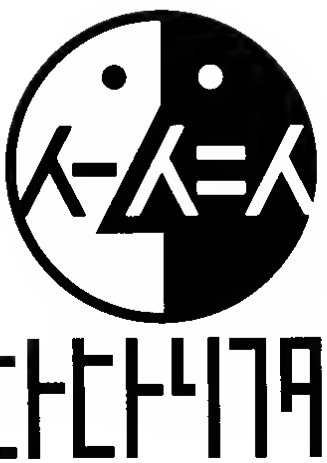

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